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F O R E W O R D

The Inventory of the Town Archives of New Hampshire is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of the town of New Hampton, is number VIII of the Belknap County series of towns.

The Historical Records Survey program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, businessmen and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey program attempt to do more than give merely a list of records—they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of the Historical Records Survey program, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child, who had been National Field Supervisor since the inauguration of the Survey. The Survey program operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was initiated in January 1936 as a Nation-wide undertaking of the Work Projects Administration, but did not begin operations in New Hampshire until April 7. Prior to August 31, 1939, the Survey was Federally sponsored, but since that date it has been a local project sponsored by the University of New Hampshire. Until March 1940, this project was directed by Dr. Richard G. Wood. At that time Dr. Wood became State Supervisor of Research and Records Projects, and the present State Supervisor was appointed.

The purpose of the Survey is to make accessible to lawyers, historians, and students of government the records of State, county, municipal, and town offices. In addition church records, including those of defunct organizations, are being inventoried so that a foundation may be laid for research in this field of social history. The present volume is the seventh of a series of inventories concerning town archives of New Hampshire. A key volume, Town Government in New Hampshire, and a volume titled Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in the United States—New Hampshire have recently been published. Five volumes on county archives and one volume on church records have also been issued.

In addition to listing the records of the different town officers, the inventory sketches briefly the historical background of the town of New Hampton and describes the organization of the offices whose records are listed. The essays on the individual offices present only material relating specifically to New Hampton. For a history of the legal background of each office, and its State-wide implication, it is necessary to consult the key volume mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Records are described in entries whose style is formalized to give the following information: Title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, information on missing or discontinued records, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volumes or containers, and location.

The listing of the New Hampton records was begun by Nelson B. Piper and was completed and brought up to date by Christine M. Bruce. The recheck was completed by Perley L. Cater and Samuel T. Bakus. The forms were edited by Perley L. Cater and the entries were written by Samuel T. Bakus. The essays in this publication were written by Bernice M. Newell and Antonio L. Sylvester. The editorial work was done by Gordon F. Palmer, State editor, and William T. Clear. The legal research which forms the basis for the essays was conducted under the direction of Beatrice B. Calnan. The maps, charts, and cover design were drawn by Edward F. Tilc, project artist. The index was prepared by Beatrice B. Calnan. Documentation was checked by Bernard K. Kay and Arthur A. Blake. The stencils were cut by Alice A. Telge and the mimeographing was done by Rita E. Duffley and Rita D. Floden under the direction of Kathleen E. Schragle. Helpful criticism of this inventory in manuscript form was offered by Mabel S. Brodie, assistant archivist in charge of public records

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The inventory of the archives of the towns of Belknap County is number 1 of the New Hampshire series. The New Hampton inventory is volume VIII of the Belknap series.

Copies of the inventory will be distributed to government agencies, colleges, the University, and to libraries in New Hampshire and outside the State. A complete list of publications will be found on page 84. Requests for information concerning these volumes should be addressed to the State Supervisor, Administration Building, Lincoln and Silver Streets, Manchester, New Hampshire.

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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Colonel Jonathan Moulton, and the other proprietors of Moultonboro, received the grant of Moultonboro Addition in the year 1765.[1] This territory was incorporated as New Hampton in 1777. The act of incorporation authorized the calling of the first town meeting at which all necessary and customary officers should be chosen.[2]

The early town records were destroyed by fire in 1887, so the activities at town meetings for a period of about 20 years can only be assumed. A fairly complete set of officers was chosen in 1797, in which year the extant Town Meeting Books begin.[3]

That religious matters were of importance to the early inhabitants of New Hampton is evidenced by a vote in 1798 when the town decided "to Build a Meeting House on the Minister Lott as near Phinehas Dolloff house as the ground will allow."[4] At a later meeting held April 4, 1798, it was voted "to give Lieut. Samuel Kelly Jr. two hundred Dollars in Consequence of his Building a Certain meeting House frame * * * at the Spot of Ground where Said Town has Voted to Build it and to be Completed by the last of September next."[5]

At a meeting of December 16, 1799, it was voted to choose a committee to "Agree with Mr. Salmon Hibard * * * to preach Six Saboths upon probation."[6] In March 1800 a committee was chosen to make arrangements for his permanent settlement. These arrangements proved satisfactory and the call was accepted by Mr. Hibard in a letter dated June 21, 1800.[7]

This church, like many of the early town churches in New Hampshire, was Congregational in denomination. In 1801 it had a membership of 135. However, this number gradually decreased and in 1820, meetings were discontinued. In 1842 the church was dissolved and the members still remaining joined the church in Bristol.[8]

The Freewill Baptists were active in New Hampton as early as 1800. In that year a petition to the selectmen asked that they be allowed the use of the meeting-house in "proportion of time for the money they have paid and are holden to pay towards the Building and Compleating said Meeting House", and that they "Shall have their Equal proportion of the public privilages in town."[9] About that time, however, the Freewill Baptists began building a meeting-house of their own. When they held the first services in their meeting-house, the only seats were rough benches. Later it was decided to build pews. James Huckins, the first

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 28:110, 111.
2. Laws of New Hampshire, 4:112 (1777).
3. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1887), see entry 3.
4. Ibid., p. 17 (1798).
5. Ibid., p. 18 (1798).
6. Ibid., p. 33 (1799).
7. Ibid., pp. 38-41 (1800).
8. D. Hamilton Hurd, History of Merrimack and Belknap Counties, p. 870.
9. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 470 (1800), see entry 3.

deacon, opposed the idea because he thought the pews would be too comfortable. The church members were too worldly minded, he thought, and the matter troubled him so much that he walked the floor all night. Nevertheless, the pews were built, but they were square and box-like with high backed seats, and they were not comfortable. One of the first ministers was Reverend Simeon Dana, better known as Dr. Dana; and the church became known as the Dana Church. By 1890 interest in the church was waning, but it was revived through the efforts of Reverend A. J. Gordon. The building was repaired about that time.[1] Only summer services are held in the Dana Church now. The only other church in town is the Community Baptist.

That schools occupied an important place in the early history of New Hampton can hardly be doubted. However, the information concerning them is very meager over a period of 20 years since the early town records were destroyed by fire.

The first mention of schools in the extant Town Meeting Books appears in 1797 when an article was inserted in the warrant "To see if the Town will vote to Sell fifty Acres of land * * * and put the money to interest and S^d interest to Support Schooling." At a meeting held three weeks later, this was done.[2] New Hampton conformed with the act of 1805 in regard to school districts, for in 1807 a committee of three persons was chosen "to Divide the Districts for Schooling."[3] That this division was made is proven by a vote two years later "that every School District have the privelage of chooseing their own Collectors of School Money."[4] In 1833 the town was divided into 13 well defined districts.[5] The boundary lines were changed occasionally but there were still 13 districts in 1885 when the educational system in New Hampton, like that in other New Hampshire towns, was reorganized as the result of a State law which dissolved the then existing school districts.[6] At the present time, New Hampton is a member of Supervisory Union No. 18.[7]

By an act of 1821, nineteen men were incorporated as the proprietors of New Hampton Academy. They were entitled to possess, and to use for the benefit of the academy, real estate providing an annual income of not more than $500, and personal estate not exceeding $10,000. A board of three trustees was established which at the discretion of the proprietors was to be elected annually. Also, at their discretion, this number could be increased to five.[8]

On July 27, 1826, it was voted at a town meeting to grant the proprietors the right to "erect one building on the town Common * * *."[9] In the same year, an act was passed to change the name to The Academical and Theological Institution in New Hampton. By this act, the real and personal estate holdings were augmented and the board of trustees increased

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1. Statement of Raymond Clark Smith, New Hampton postmaster.
2. T. M. B., vol. 1, pp. 8, 9 (1797), see entry 3.
3. Ibid., p. 98 (1807).
4. Ibid., p. 110 (1809).
5. Ibid., vol. 2, pp. 144-151 (1833).
6. New Hampshire Laws of 1885, ch. 43.
7. New Hampshire State Board of Education Directory ***, p. 5.
8. Laws of New Hampshire, 9:20-22 (1821).
9. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 16 (1826), see entry 3.

to 11. Five were elected by the Baptist Convention and five by the proprietors. The eleventh was to be the principal of the academy who was to have a vote in the transaction of all business except the choosing of instructors.[1]

A Female Department was added in 1827 and it became very popular. The first principal was Martha Hazeltine who presided over the department for 12 years.[2]

The Baptist Convention in 1829 was accorded the right to appoint seven of the eleven trustees.[3] In 1849 it was enacted that the school should be supervised and controlled by a board of 10 trustees, the entire board to be elected by the Baptist Convention.[4]

About 1852 a large debt had accumulated, the school's income having been inadequate to meet the expenses. Efforts to obtain an endowment had proved unavailing and various contributions, though reducing the debt somewhat, had not been sufficient to liquidate it. Negotiations with an association known as the Northern Educational Union resulted in the removal of the school to Fairfax, Vermont.[5]

Keen regret was felt in New Hampton over the loss of the school and the inhabitants determined to secure another such institution. Under the leadership of Colonel Rufus G. Lewis a movement was begun. The cooperation of the Freewill Baptists was solicited. The members of this socity responded wholeheartedly which resulted in the securing of a charter January 5, 1853. Thirteen persons were incorporated as the New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution at New Hampton, New Hampshire.[6]

Professor Benjamin Stanton was the first principal. The school was under the leadership of various men for short periods of time until 1868, when the Reverend Arthur Bond Meservey assumed charge and was principal for 30 years.[7] During these years, the school flourished and the establishment of the Commercial College took place. This branch attracted hundreds of students and added much to the reputation of the school.[8] Professor Frank W. Preston became head of the school when Mr. Meservey resigned June 30, 1898.[9]

A reorganization in 1916 resulted in the cessation of the Baptist control[10] and the school became non-sectarian. In 1917 an act of the legislature ratified the school by-laws of 1916.[11] In 1918 Mr. Preston was made president. He resigned in 1923. Since that time there have been three presidents, the last being Frederick Smith who heads the institution at the present time. He became principal in 1926 at a time when a change was urgent. Although the charter was not altered, a

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1. Laws of New Hampshire, 9:508, 509 (1826).
2. F. W. Preston, "Historical Sketch", New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution ***, p. 11.
3. Laws of New Hampshire, 9:912 (1829).
4. New Hampshire Laws of 1849, ch. 915.
5. Preston, op. cit., pp. 11-13.
6. Ibid., p. 13; New Hampshire Laws of 1852, ch. 1385 (Approved January 5, 1853).
7. Preston, op. cit., pp. 13, 14.
8. Statement of John Curtis Gowan, Registrar, New Hampton School.
9. Ibid.
10. Ibid.
11. New Hampshire Laws of 1917, ch. 303.

different policy was adopted at that time. The institution ceased to be coeducational and became known as the New Hampton School for Boys; the girls thereafter furthering their education at Bristol High School. New Hampton School has a current enrollment of 150 pupils and a faculty of 15 teachers.[1]

The equipment of New Hampton School includes ten modern buildings occupying with campus and recreation fields about 50 acres of land. New Hampton graduates have included John Wentworth, the first mayor of Chicago; Nathan Clifford, a justice of the United States Supreme Court, 1858-91; nine state governors; several college presidents; and a number of prominent editors.[2]

Social libraries were a feature of cultural life in the early 1800's many New Hampshire towns and New Hampton was no exception. The legislature, June 14, 1813, incorporated William B. Kelley, Samuel Kelley, the third, Thomas Simpson, Joseph R. Kelley, Nicholas M. Taylor, Ebenezer Sandborn, Joseph Robinson, and Daniel Smith as proprietors of the New Hampton Social Library. They were vested with the usual privileges of social library proprietors.[3] The Survey has not been able to determine exactly how long this library functioned, but it probably did not continue much later than the middle of the century.

Various private libraries were maintained by societies within the New Hampton institution, but the books were available to the public.[4] The Town Meeting Books record the organization in 1833 of the Social Fraternity, the purpose of the group being to conduct a library and reading room and to pursue other literary activities.[5] This was probably the formal ratification of a condition already existing, since there is evidence that the society in question was active prior to the date of organization as recorded in the Town Meeting Books. Headmaster Frederick Smith of the New Hampton School has a record of the fraternity which begins in 1831 (see Appendix, entries 1-5). Moreover, Professor F. W. Preston stated that the fraternity was founded in 1830 or earlier.[6] The fraternity still is active in a social way, but its library was turned over to the Gordon-Nash Library in 1896.[7]

The Literary Adelphi Society was founded in 1827.[8] It was chartered two years later.[9] Its library was also turned over to the Gordon-Nash Library in 1896, although, like the Social Fraternity, it is still active.[10]

Another students' organization that maintained a library was the

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1. Statement of John Curtis Gowan, Registrar, New Hampton School.
2. New Hampton A New Hampshire School for Boys 119th Year 1939-1940, pp. 10, 11.
3. Laws of New Hampshire, 8:213, 214 (1813).
4. N. H. State Library Report 1905-1906, p. 459.
5. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 197 (1833), see entry 3.
6. Preston, op. cit., p. 11.
7. Information obtained from Miss Ina Bickford, Librarian of Gordon-Nash Library, January 3, 1941, by Christine M. Bruce.
8. Preston, op. cit., p. 11.
9. Laws of New Hampshire, 10:41 (1829).
10. Information obtained from Miss Ina Bickford, January 3, 1941, by Christine M. Bruce.

Germanae Dilectae Scientiae which was organized in 1853. This was a young ladies' society which continued active as long as the institution was coeducational. Its library came into the possession of the Gordon-Nash Library in 1896.[1]

As a fitting expression of loyalty and devotion to his native New Hampton, Judge Stephen Gordon Nash founded the Gordon-Nash Library. In 1887 he obtained a charter for this institution.[2] The library building was to be located on a lot which he had selected and bought. He named five corporators, including his wife and himself.[3]

In his will which was drawn up a short time after the incorporation, he expressed the desire "To establish a public library and reading-room in Smith's Village, New Hampton, N. H., my native place, for the free use of the people of said town, whether residents, students, or sojourners." He made an outright gift of $18,000 to the library and also made it his residuary legatee. He died in 1894 and, immediately following his death, a special committee of two was chosen to draw up a contract for and to supervise the erection of the building. The next year 12 more persons, most of whom were from New Hampton, were elected as corporators, and by-laws were adopted.[4] That same year, an act was passed to amend the charter. The real and personal estate holdings were thereby increased from $15,000 to $50,000.[5] Other corporators were chosen at various times, all of whom did their best to carry out the plans of the town's benefactor.[6]

At a meeting of March 10, 1896, the town voted "to accept the gift of the late Stephen G. Nash and that the town hereby extends a vote of thanks for the same." It was also voted to appropriate the sum of $200 to pay the expense of the dedication.[7] The library was formally opened June 25, 1896.[8]

Mrs. Nash, who had given her husband much encouragement and help in carrying out his plans, survived him by only about seven years. At this time the total value of the bequest amounted to $50,000. Samuel G. Davis of Boston, a trusted friend and adviser of Judge Nash, had been made treasurer at the time of the library's inception. He proved worthy of the trust placed in him and, through the judicious handling of funds invested, he consistently increased the income of the institution.[9]

In 1901 the library contained around 8,000 donated books, and valuable furnishings. Each year more volumes were added and in 1903, $1,400 was spent for additional books.[10] The total number is now more

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1. Preston, op. cit., p. 21; information also obtained from Miss Ina Bickford, Librarian, January 3, 1941, by Christine M. Bruce.
2. New Hampshire Laws of 1887, ch. 193.
3. The Gordon-Nash Library Bulletin, pp. not numbered.
4. Ibid.
5. New Hampshire Laws of 1895, ch. 175.
6. The Gordon-Nash Library Bulletin, pp. not numbered.
7. T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 144 (1896), see entry 3.
8. The Gordon-Nash Library Bulletin, pp. not numbered.
9. Ibid.
10. Ibid.

than 15,000 volumes. The library is maintained by the income from invested funds that exceed $150,000.[1] It is located near the buildings of the New Hampton School.

Due to the destruction of the early town minutes, New Hampton's share in the Revolutionary War cannot be described in detail, but it has been stated that New Hampton furnished its quota according to the town's population at that time, and that the names credited to New Hampton included those of Joseph Smith, Samuel Kelley, Thomas Woodman, Levi Chapman, Nathaniel Kelley, Jeremiah Smith, Robert Simpson, and Thomas Simpson.[2] The latter served in General Richard Montgomery's Canadian expedition, and at Saratoga and Monmouth. He possessed the rank of major at the close of the war.[3] Some space should be devoted to New Hampton's record in the Civil War. In July 1861 the State legislature enacted a law authorizing towns to raise money to aid the families of soldiers in the service of the United States.[4] By November of the same year the town of New Hampton had voted to hire $500 for that purpose. At the same November meeting it was voted to pay a bounty of $10 to each volunteer. The legality of the vote was questioned, and 22 men personally underwrote the sum necessary.[5] In August 1862 it was voted to pay $200 to each volunteer who enlisted to fill the town's first quota, and a like sum for each volunteer enlisting to fill the second quota.[6] It was voted in October 1862 to pay $200 to all volunteers who had been mustered into the service of the United States since the last call of the President, and who had not already received that sum.[7] The following year the town voted to borrow $500 for the support of soldiers' families.[8] It was also voted in October of that same year to pay $300 to each drafted man or his substitute during the term of one year from the day the vote was passed. It was further voted to pay to each drafted man or his substitute, serving three years or for the duration of the war, the sum of $100 upon his discharge from service, the money to be paid to his family in the event of his death.[9] In December of 1863 it was voted to raise $11,000 to pay the men comprising the town's quota.[10] At least three votes relating to bounties were passed in 1864.[11]

Benjamin F. Kelley, a native of New Hampton, mustered the first regiment of loyal troops that was raised south of the Mason and Dixon line after the war broke out. He was commissioned colonel, May 25, 1861, by General George B. McClellan. Two days after receiving his commission, Colonel Kelley led his troops to attack a Confederate force at Grafton,

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1. New Hampton A New Hampshire School for Boys 119th Year 1939-1940, p. 11.
2. Town Register, Meredith, Gilmanton, Sanbornton, Gilford, Belmont, New Hampton, 1908, part 1, p. 81.
3. Frank H. Kelley, Reminiscences of New Hampton, N. H. ***, pp. 128-131.
4. New Hampshire Laws of 1861, ch. 2480.
5. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 91 (1861), see entry 3.
6. Ibid., p. 111 1/2 (1862).
7. Ibid., p. 115 (1862).
8. Ibid., p. 122 (1863).
9. Ibid., p. 152 (1863).
10. Ibid., p. 155 (1863).
11. Ibid., pp. 172, 179, 188 (1864).

Virginia. He reached Grafton June 1, the Confederates having, in the meanwhile, retreated to Philippi. Colonel Kelley and his men continued their advance and on the third day of the month, having marched all night through a drenching rain, took the enemy by surprise at four o'clock in the morning, and completely routed them. Colonel Kelley was badly wounded, and it was believed that he would not recover.[1] Upon hearing the news, General McClellan sent the following telegram to one of Colonel Kelley's fellow officers:

> Say to Colonel Kelley that I cannot yet believe it possible that one who has opened his course so brilliantly can be mortally wounded. In the name of the country I thank him for his conduct, which has been the most brilliant episode of the war thus far. If it can cheer him in his last moments, tell him I cannot repair his loss and I only regret that I cannot be by his side to thank him in person. God bless him.[2]

Colonel Kelley fortunately recovered and was appointed to the rank of brigadier-general. Throughout the war he performed important services for the Union cause in Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland.[3]

The old time muster has long since passed into the realm of history, but in the early days the annual muster in country towns was anticipated by young and old. Everyone for miles around assembled for this gala occasion and after the regiments had been inspected, reviewed, and dismissed, the muster field assumed the aspect and activities of a country fair. There were vendors, auctioneers, freak shows, and all the various attractions commonly found on fair grounds.[4]

However, during the morning hours, military activities occupied the serious attention of all. E. C. Lewis describes a New Hampton muster of 1852 as "the most important local event of the year, and it always drew a big crowd. The towns of Meredith, Sanbornton, and New Hampton contributed to the old 29th regiment and it was really quite a formidable military body."[5]

The May training although not as important a gathering as the muster, was also an annual event, and attracted its share of curious onlookers. A contrast to the muster can be noted in Mr. Lewis' description when he writes that the May training was rather an insignificant event:

> The officers came out in full uniform, but the men cared little for these things, and paid little heed to their equipment beyond what the law absolutely required. Slam Bang companies were the popular name for them, and the term suggests not only their appearance but also their evolutions and the knowledge of their officers. But May training was a great day for us

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1. Kelley, op. cit., pp. 101, 102.
2. Ibid., p. 102.
3. Ibid., pp. 104-111. An account of General Kelley's Civil War services will also be found in Granite Monthly, vol. 39 (old series), pp. 269-273.
4. E. C. Lewis in Laconia Democrat, February 18, 1898.
5. Ibid.

youngsters. To hear Samuel Ward play the fife or operate on the snare drum with some stout fellow to hammer away on the bass, set all the boys wild, and we trailed around the musicians until the rude but soul stirring concert was over.[1]

In the early days the industries of New Hampton were many and varied. Prominent among them were saw and grist mills. There was a wheelwright shop where buggies and wagons were made, a woolen mill to which the inhabitants brought their wool to be carded, and a hosiery mill which also manufactured gloves. There was a tannery owned and operated in conjunction with a successful boot and shoe business.[2]

Musical instruments were made by hand in a small shop run by David Dyer. This was eventually taken over by two brothers, Stephen and Augustus Newell, who were former employees of Mr. Dyer. Cabinet organs were manufactured with a great measure of success, the finished product comparing most favorably with any made elsewhere at that time.[3]

The manufacture of hats occupied a prominent place in the industrial life of New Hampton. Both woolen and palm leaf hats were made, the braiding being done in the homes. Churns, coffins, sashes, and blinds were also made in New Hampton and even friction matches, which were practically unheard of at that time, were ingeniously manufactured.[4]

None of these industries have survived to the present day except a saw mill or two. Farming on a small scale, including the growing of apples, is practiced. The New Hampton School employs 45 people including the faculty; the Gordon-Nash Library employs three persons; several stores furnish employment for about eight people.

It would be well to mention in connection with the industries of New Hampton the State Fish Hatchery. About 1875, George H. Dickerman, a business man from Boston, purchased property in the town and started a fish hatchery, which he operated as a hobby. It continued under the control of the Dickerman family until 1919 when it was purchased by the State and became the third State-owned hatchery. The present superintendent, Harry E. Hubbard, was appointed and assumed charge as soon as the deeds were recorded.

The hatchery specializes in raising trout, and several years ago an experiment with albino trout was started. At the present time there are about 1,000 of this species at the hatchery and it is expected that a fourth generation will be spawned this winter. The original progenitors died in 1938 and were mounted. They are now in the home of Mr. Hubbard and may be seen by interested persons.

At one time an effort was made to raise Chinook salmon but it became difficult to obtain the eggs which came from the Pacific coast and the experiment was abandoned some time ago. In 1934, twenty new tanks were added to the equipment. At the present time four men are steadily

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1. E. C. Lewis in Laconia Democrat, February 25, 1898.
2. Information obtained from Miss Ina Bickford, Mrs. Caroline C. Gordon, and Willis H. Copp, for many years residents of New Hampton, November 29, 1940, by Christine M. Bruce.
3. E. C. Lewis in Laconia Democrat, February 11, 1898.
4. Ibid., February 4, 1898.

employed and three are employed part time.[1]

There is nothing new in the idea of contrasting the present with the past to the advantage of an earlier generation. E. C. Lewis in 1898 wrote in the following terms of the New Hampton of 50 years earlier:

> That generation did not ride in so fine carriages, dress so smartly, nor live in such confortable, cozy homes, neither did it know or talk about what went on in the outside world as it does now * * * Postmaster Simpson and Col. Lewis were all who had the daily paper, and when the weekly came it had more space given to prosy editorials than to fresh and stirring news * * * They were content to patronize the home town tailor and the cobbler and had not forgot the use of the hand loom and the spinning wheel. They had begun to look West for their flour but their corn and meal was of home growth, and so largely was their beef and pork. Among their craftsmen could be counted the tanner, the butcher, the cooper, the shoemaker, the blacksmith, the miller, the reed organ maker, and the basket maker. Grant that they were narrower in their views, less glib of speech, less stylish in dress, less informed on matters outside their own boundaries, were they on that account less able to enjoy life? I think not. The little lads in their blue drilling trousers and palm leaf hats, and the little misses in their cheap dresses were as good scholars, and more defferential to their elders, as capable of taking care of themselves as their smarter-looking and more slangly talking successors of today.[2]

A well known character of this earlier New Hampton was James Simpson of whom there is a fascinating pen picture in the writings of Mr. Lewis:

> Esquire James Simpson, "Old Post" served as postmaster and town clerk for many years. He held these joint offices so long that some confused them and when Capt. Norris asked to be made clerk his canvass went to pieces because people said they wouldn't go to the center for their letters. I never knew Mr. Simpson except as a very old man with thin white hair, who was very lame and walked with a cane. He was a kind, obliging neighbor, but a most intense Democrat and his wrath would flame out in a big blaze whenever his political prejudices were assailed. He rarely went from home except to give his wife an airing in his top buggy or to attend town meeting where he would appear in a long black overcoat and top hat. I picture him as he used to sit on his high chair beside his little stove in his curious little office, reading the Boston Post and puffing at his long stemmed pipe, or going

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1. Information obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Hubbard, Mr. Willis H. Copp, Miss Ina Bickford, and Mrs. Catherine C. Gordon, November 29, 1940, by Christine M. Bruce.
2. E. C. Lewis in Laconia Democrat, January 28, 1898.

> over the contents of a huge bag of mail. In those days there were no stamps and Mr. Simpson affixed the postmark on each letter in his own handwriting and placed in the corner the figures 5 or 10 which told the story of paid or unpaid postage. A part of his duties as town clerk was to publish the marriage intentions, and for this he had a little red case with a baize background and glass door, and on Sunday morning he would hobble up to the church and hang it in the entry.[1]

It was not until about 1852 that the steam engine became the means of transportation for the people of New Hampton. Previous to that time the arrival of the stage coach was an important event in the day's routine:

> In the morning at nine oclock the stage came down from Plymouth, sometimes by way of Ashland, and sometimes on the Bridgewater side of the river. At 5 P. M. the coach from Concord came in. Both halted in front of the hotel. Driver Willis or Marden threw down the reins from the six steaming steeds, and M. L. Palmer rapidly doubled them up and unhitched the wagon. He then led the animals around the West end of the hotel to the stage stable which stood inside the Mansion House lot, and presently came back with fresh ones that started up Shinglecamp and were off at a good round trot. While the stage was waiting, the mail bag was flung out, eagerly caught up by George or Alonzo Morrison and carried on the run down the hill to Postmaster Simpson who went into executive session over its contents in his queer narrow office. Needless to say these two arrivals constituted the leading events of the day, and never lacked for a little knot of lookers-on.[2]

There has been but one division of territory in New Hampton's history. In 1797 the northeast section of the town was set off and incorporated as Center Harbor.[3]

The population of the town continued to grow from 652 in 1790 to 1,904 in 1830[4] but, like many New Hampshire towns, for the next 100 years the population continued to decrease until in 1930 the town had but 692 inhabitants.[5] Since 1930, however, the population has increased until at present it is 791.[6]

New Hampton is situated about 35 miles north of Concord. It is bounded on the north by Ashland, northeast by Center Harbor, east by Sanbornton and Meredith, south by Hill, and west by Bristol.

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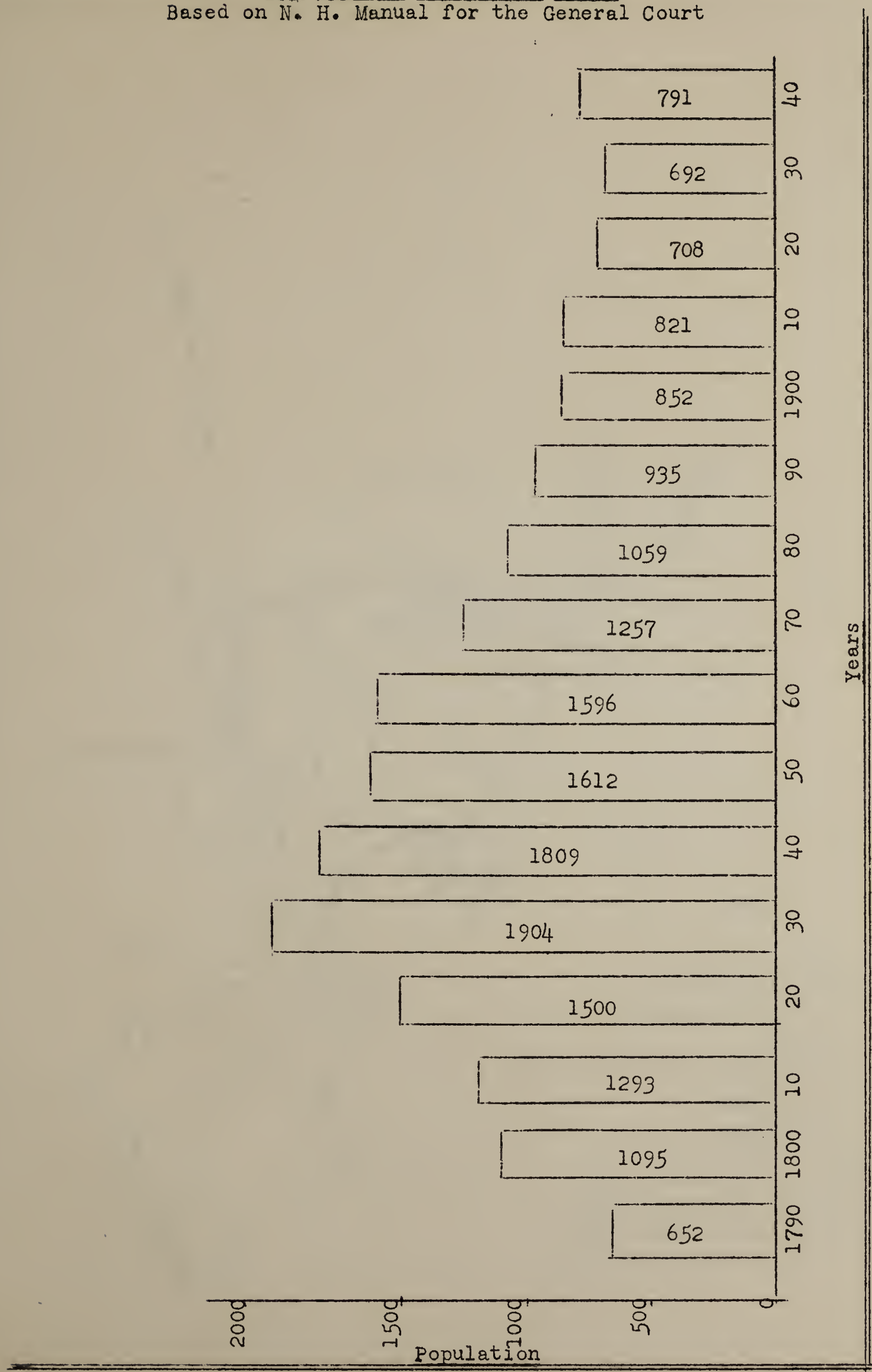
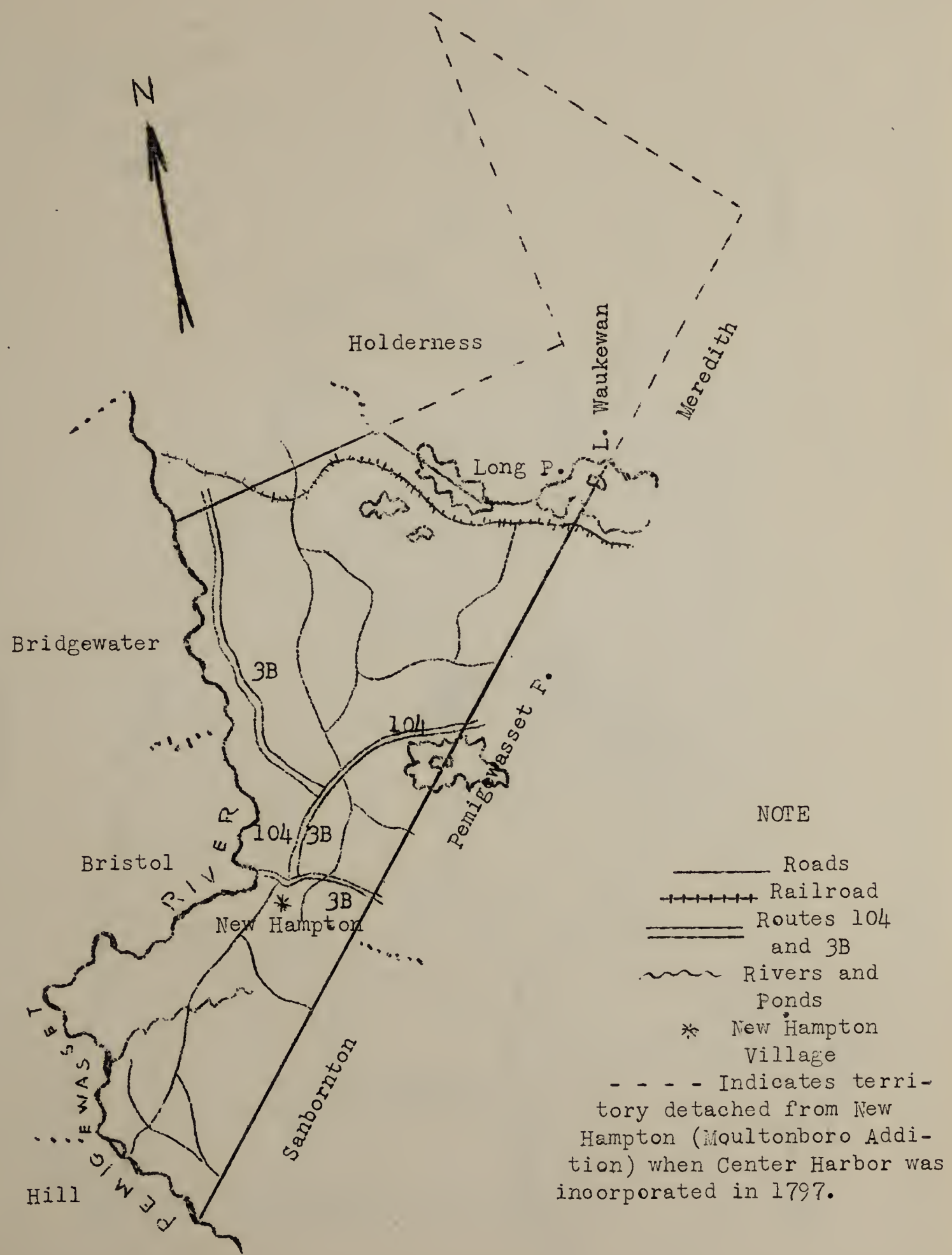
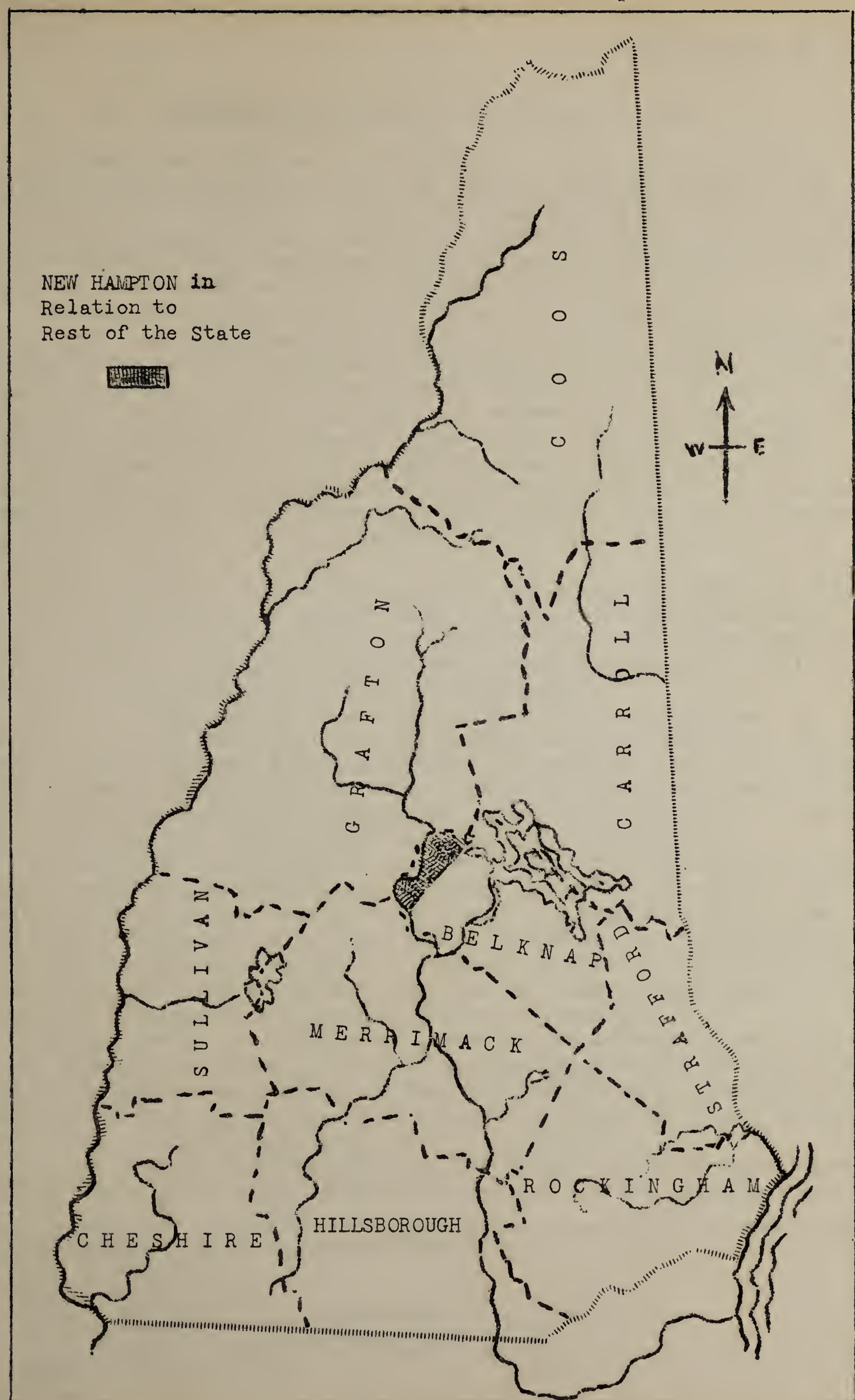
1. E. C. Lewis in Laconia Democrat, February 18, 1898.
2. Ibid., February 4, 1898.
3. Laws of New Hampshire, 6:424, 425 (1797).
4. New Hampshire Manual for the General Court 1917, p. 84.
5. New Hampshire Manual for the General Court 1939, p. 318.
6. New Hampshire Manual for the General Court 1941, p. 205.

NEW HAMPTON POPULATION GRAPH
Based on N. H. Manual for the General Court



PRESENT DAY NEW HAMPTON SHOWING EVOLUTION FROM MOULTONBORO ADDITION




NEW HAMPTON in
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ROCKINGHAM
CHESHIRE
HILLSBOROUGH

(First entry, p. 28)

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

The Masonian Proprietors, November 17, 1763, granted to Colonel Jonathan Moulton and others a tract of land called Moultonboro.[1] The grantees were not entirely satisfied with the quality of their land, but they were appeased two years later by an additional grant known as Moultonboro Addition. The two grants combined were to be divided into 82 shares and each share was to be subdivided into three lots.[2]

The additional grant was incorporated as a separate town November 27, 1777, and it was named New Hampton in honor of Colonel Moulton's native Hampton.[3] The act of incorporation stated that the boundaries of the new town were to begin "at the North Easterly Corner of Meredith about Thirty Rods from Winnepissiokee Pond." The act endowed the town with the usual privileges, and authorized Samuel Kelley to call the first meeting.[4]

It is impossible to trace the governmental organization of New Hampton during the first 20 years of its corporate history. The earliest records of the town were destroyed by fire in 1887. The extant Town Meeting Books begin with the twenty-second article voted upon at the town meeting for 1797.[5]

Votes passed at this meeting included the raising of $500 for highway purposes and $100 for general town expenses. The selectmen were directed to purchase "two good Brown Book" for the town's use; and they were directed to compensate Captain Noah Robinson for the use of his house as a town meeting place the preceding year.[6]

The surviving portion of the records for this meeting shows the election of a moderator pro tem., three selectmen, one constable, two collectors, one treasurer, fourteen surveyors of highways, three fish wardens, five assessors, three auditors, fifteen "Hogs Reaphs & Hawards", six fence viewers, three surveyors of lumber, one culler of staves, and four tythingmen. The selectmen were directed to appoint a pound-keeper.[7]

Of the offices mentioned in the 1797 minutes the following have survived: moderator, selectman, tax collector, constable, treasurer, and auditor. The office of surveyor of highways has been replaced by that of road agent. Selectmen perform the duties of assessors. The constable, as a law enforcement officer, has been replaced by police. Such offices as fish warden, hogreeve and haward, surveyor of lumber, fence viewer, culler of staves, tythingman, and pound-keeper have disappeared.

Offices added at a later date, but subsequently dropped, were those of the committee to examine schools, superintending school committee, overseer of the poor, tree warden, informer and complainant, dog police, town prosecutor, liquor agent, sealer of weights and measures, corder of wood, field driver, and hog constable.

At the present time the voters of New Hampton at their annual town meeting elect, for a 1-year term, a town clerk, one tax collector, one

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 12:616, 617.
2. Ibid., 28:110, 111.
3. Ibid., 12:706, 707.
4. Laws of New Hampshire, 4:112, 113.
5. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), see entry 3.
6. Ibid., pp. 3, 4 (1797).
7. Ibid.

treasurer, two auditors, one road agent, and one police officer; and, for a 3-year term, one of the three selectmen. At the November biennial election the voters choose three supervisors of the check-list and a moderator. The selectmen appoint biennially four election inspectors of whom the moderator designates two to act as ballot clerks. The selectmen recommend the forest fire warden, who receives his appointment from the State Forester, and the health officer, who is appointed by the State Board of Health. The forest fire warden's term is one year or until his successor is appointed; the term of the health officer is three years or until his successor is appointed. The selectmen in 1936 appointed for an indefinite term a deputy town clerk who continues to hold office. In 1940 they appointed a surveyor of wood and lumber for an indefinite term. The Gordon-Nash Library Corporation elects each year an executive committee of three members, a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The New Hampton Cemetery Association elects annually five directors, a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a sexton, an auditor, and a 4-member investment committee. At the 1940 town meeting the moderator appointed a committee of three persons to work with Clarence C. Swain and John Curtis Gowan in the preparation of a town history.

The New Hampton Village Fire Precinct elects a moderator, a clerk, a treasurer, and three firewards for 1-year terms, and an electric light commissioner for a 3-year term. It elects three water commissioners every five years. The association of firemen within the precinct annually elects a chief, an assistant chief, a captain, and a clerk-treasurer.

The voters of the New Hampton school district at their annual meeting choose one member of the 3-member school board, a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer. The superintendent of schools is nominated by the New Hampton school board in conjunction with the other school boards of Supervisory Union No. 18, the appointment being made by the State Board of Education.

The chief recording officer of the town is the town clerk. Like the clerks of other New Hampshire towns, the New Hampton town clerk keeps that set of records generally referred to as Town Meeting Books. The main purpose of these records is to preserve the warrants and minutes of the town meetings. In addition there have appeared in the Town Meeting Books from time to time such records as those pertaining to tax sales and abatements; oaths, bonds, appointments, and resignations of town officers; assignments of wages; bills of sale; conditional sales; highways and bridges; corporate groups; annual, biennial, and presidential elections; and vital statistics, including family records. There have also appeared records of fence divisions and agreements; appointments of committees; promissory notes; jury warrants and drawings; leases and liens; dog, liquor, tavern, and pleasure boat licenses; the establishment and repair of the meeting-house; perambulations of town lines; and pole petitions and locations; and reports of treasurer and auditors. In this long list there are included records of school districts; strays; selectmen's agreements with town officers; the enrollment of soldiers; the vendue of paupers; police and town farm regulations; and sheep and cattle marks. There are two separate volumes which partially index the foregoing.

Governmental Organization and Records System (First entry, p. 28)

It is the duty of New Hampshire town clerks to keep a complete record of vital statistics. The town clerk of New Hampton fully complies with this requirement having a complete record of births, marriages, and deaths from 1842 to date. In addition, there are family records from 1742 to 1860. At the present time the town clerk maintains a double system of recording vital statistics; one branch of which began in 1938.

The town clerk keeps cash books, check-lists, records of personal mortgages and conditional sales, writs of attachments and the index thereof, records of tax sales, licenses and permits, and records of fires. He also keeps appointment books, copies of selectmen's invoices of property, and various miscellaneous records.

The administrative officials of the town—the selectmen—issue the town reports which, in addition to their own, contain the reports of the tax collector; treasurer; town clerk, including vital statistics; road agent; health officer; village fire precinct; school board; and superintendent of schools. These documents, printed annually, contain also such items as a list of town and school district officers, a copy of town and school warrants, a list of appropriations, and the town budget. The selectmen keep financial records which give all pertinent information concerning monies received and expended by the town. The duties of the selectmen as assessors are represented by invoice records and blotter books. Among other records kept by the selectmen are those of tax abatements; pistol or revolver permits; and relief, such as relief orders and relief cards. They also keep various miscellaneous records.

The principal record of the tax collector is "The New Hampshire Collectors Tax Book." In addition this official keeps a cash book and a tax sales record.

The town treasurer keeps accounts of receipts and payments, canceled checks, bank statements, and town notes. The system of recording receipts and payments was changed in February 1927. Since that time these records have been kept in books prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

The election officers—moderator, supervisors of the check-list, and election inspectors—do not keep records. The check-lists are kept by the town clerk.

The highway agent keeps a weekly time book, check stubs, canceled checks, bank statements, and record of receipts and payments.

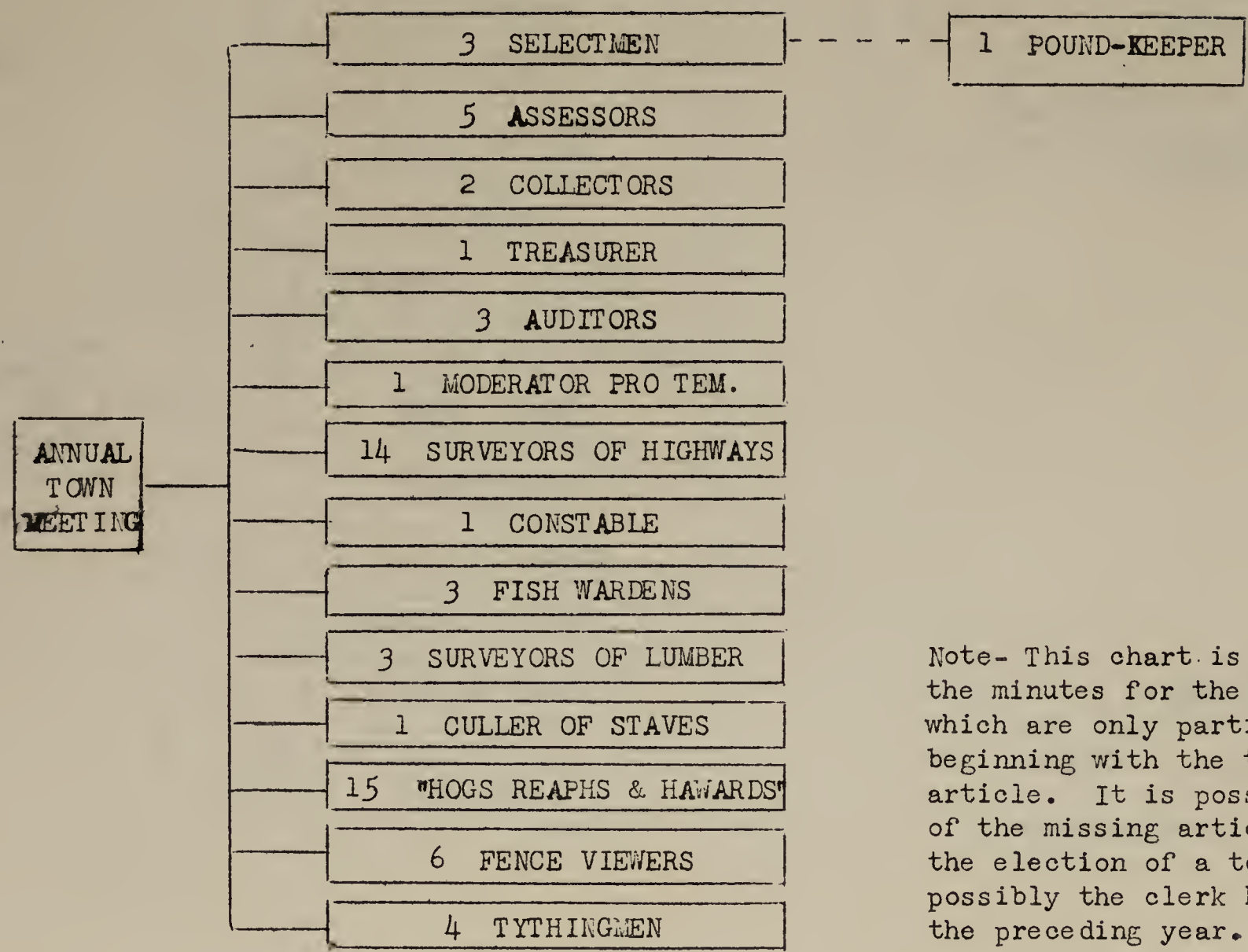
The Gordon-Nash Library Corporation and the New Hampton Cemetery Association, both private institutions, keep records of their meetings. In addition the library keeps records of accessions of books.

The New Hampton Village Fire Precinct keeps warrants, minutes, and records of finance. The fire association keeps a record of its meetings.

The town of New Hampton constitutes a school district which is a unit of Supervisory Union No. 18. School records include minutes of district and board meetings and financial records. Supervisory Union records consist of school registers.

The Appendix of the Inventory lists records of the Social Fraternity, the Literary Adelphi Society, the Germanae Dilectae Scientiae, the New Hampton Young Men's Christian Association, the Town Improvement Association, and an unpublished history of the New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution (New Hampton School for Boys) by Professor Frank W. Preston.

CHART OF NEW HAMPTON TOWN OFFICERS IN 1797



Note- This chart is based on the minutes for the 1797 meeting which are only partially complete, beginning with the twenty-second article. It is possible that one of the missing articles records the election of a town clerk, or possibly the clerk held over from the preceding year.

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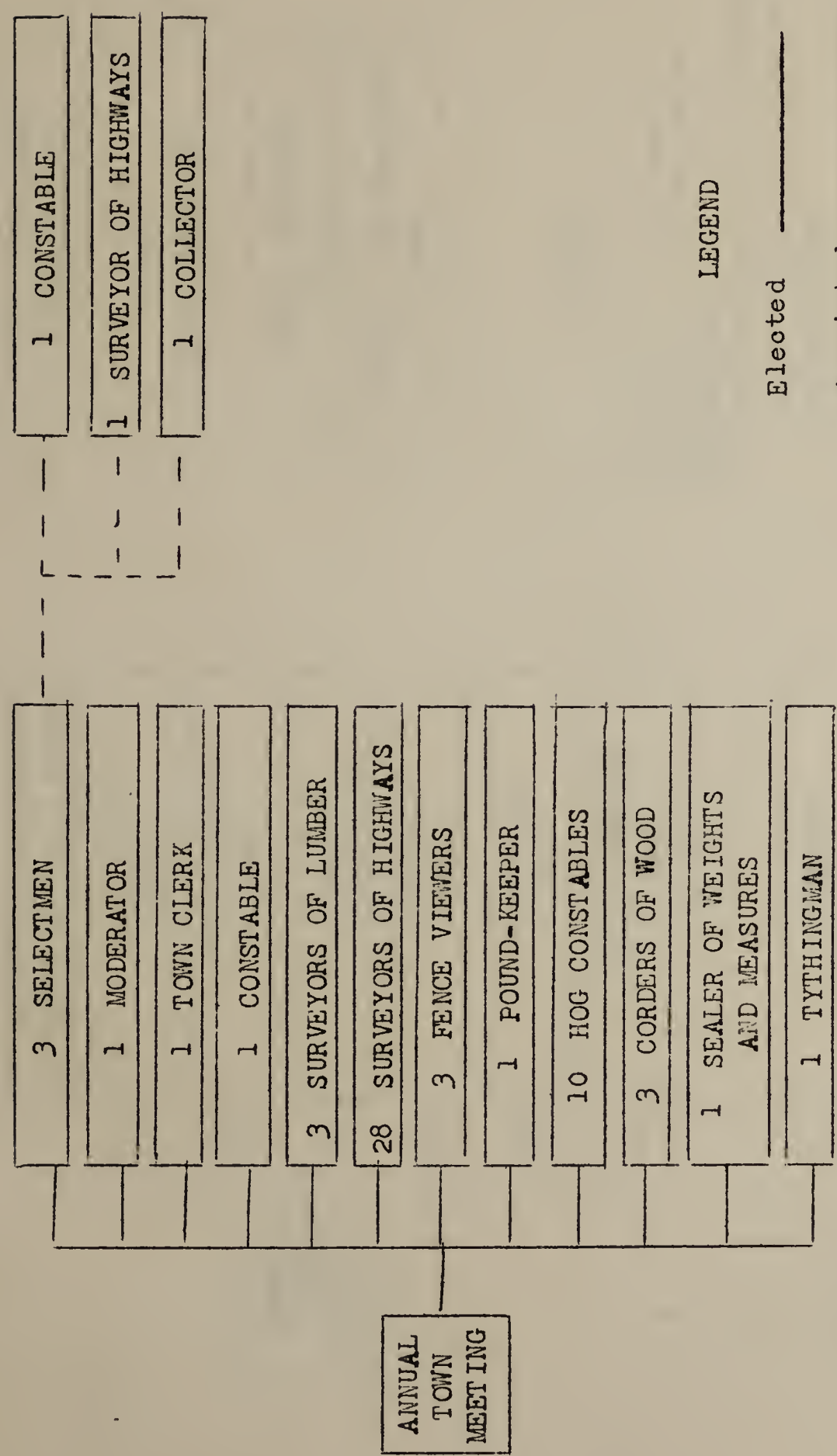
CHART OF NEW HAMPTON TOWN OFFICERS IN 1850



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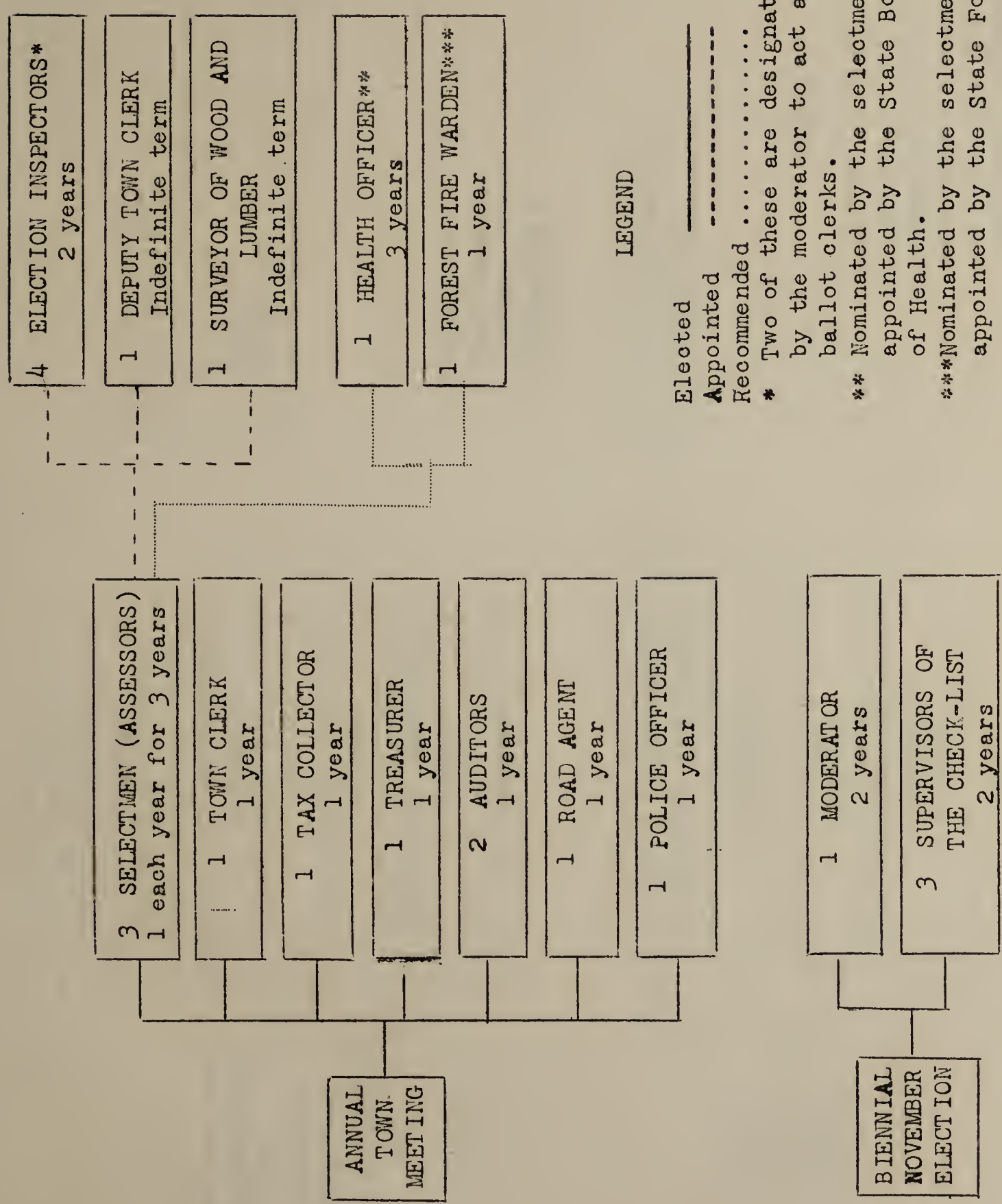
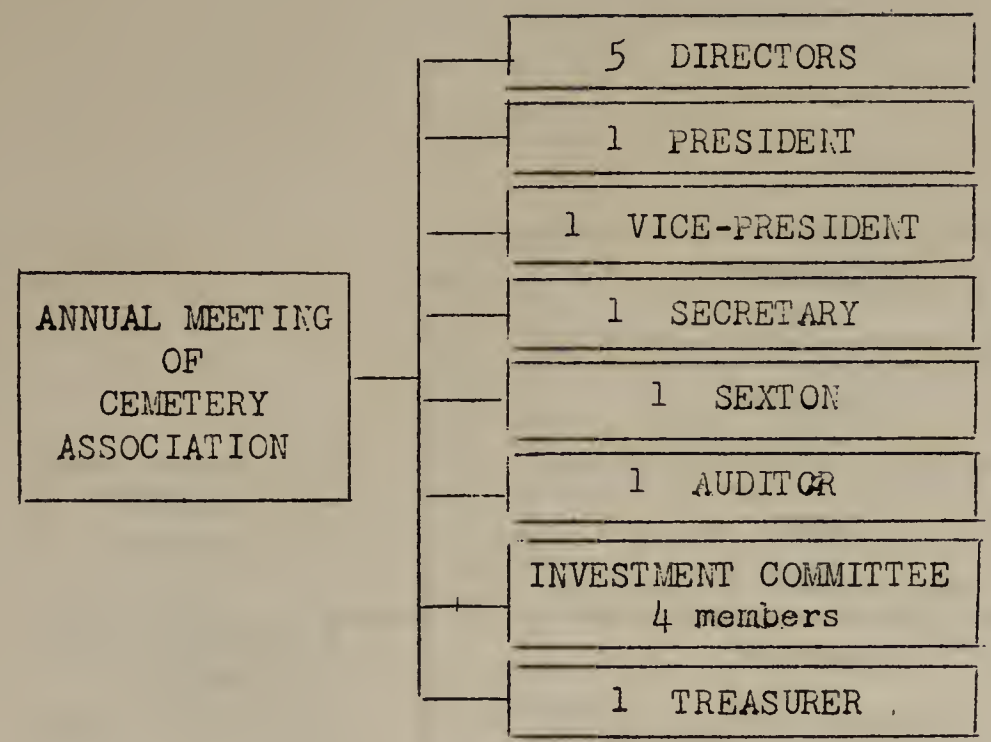
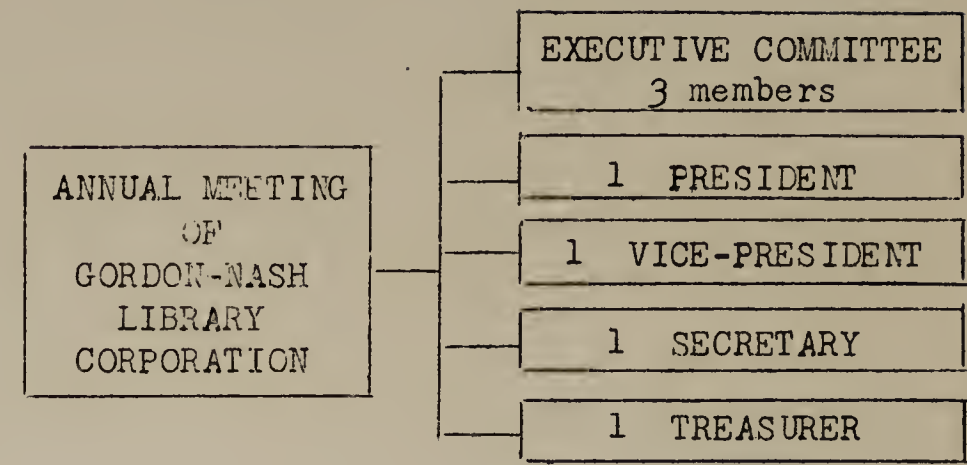
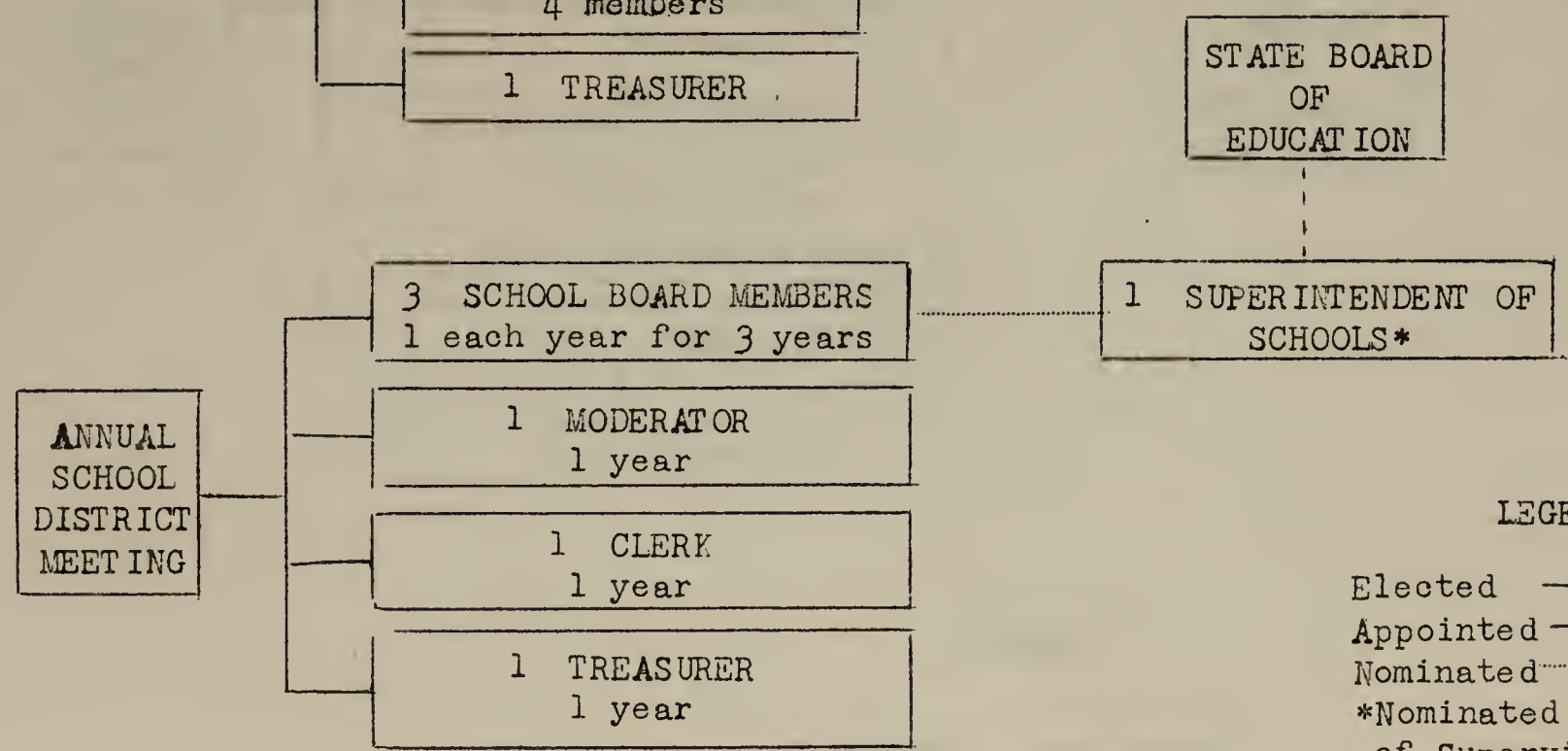


CHARTS OF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, GORDON-NASH LIBRARY CORPORATION, AND SCHOOL OFFICERS







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Elected ————————

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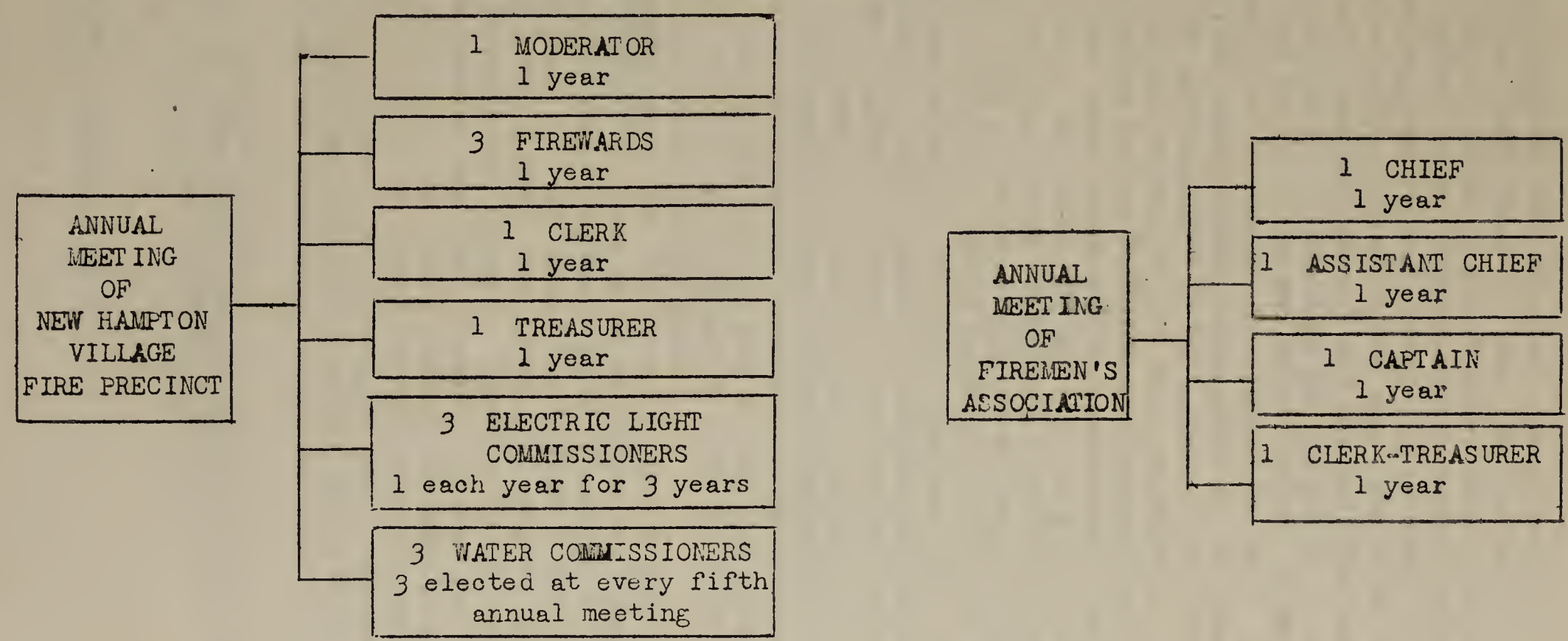
*Nominated by school boards of Supervisory Union No. 18; appointed by State Board of Education.

CHART OF NEW HAMPTON VILLAGE FIRE PRECINCT AND FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



LEGEND

Elected ————————

(First entry, p. 28)

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

An inscription on the town hall gives the date of construction as 1789. It is believed, however, that the figures are reversed, and that the correct date is 1798.[1] A vote recorded in 1797 tends to confirm this viewpoint. Captain Noah Robinson was to receive compensation from the town for meetings held at his house.[2] This would indicate that the town did not have a meeting place of its own. The next year (1798) the town voted to erect a meeting-house,[3] and the building erected as a result of that vote is probably the building now in use as a town hall. The vote stipulated that the building was to be located on the minister's lot, as near as possible to the house of Phinehas Dolloff. It was to be 52 feet long and 40 feet wide,[4] which corresponds to the dimensions of the present town hall. It was renovated in 1940, but no records are kept there.

The principal records of the town are kept in a vault inside the selectmen's office at the Gordon-Nash Library. The library was constructed in 1895 of Perth Amboy brick and red sandstone,[5] and its dimensions are 50' x 60' x 90'. The vault, 7' 10" x 5' 6" x 7', contains all of the selectmen's records, except 60 duplicate volumes of Town Reports at the State Library; all of the town clerk's records, except one copied volume of town minutes, 1797-1828, in the Secretary of State's vault and a few records at the town clerk's home; and a portion of the records of the tax collector, treasurer, school district, Supervisory Union, road agent, and fire precinct. The remaining records of the tax collector, treasurer, school district, road agent, and precinct are located in the private homes of officials. The remaining Supervisory Union records are located at its headquarters in Franklin. The records of the Gordon-Nash Library are in the reading room of the library and at the residence of the clerk of the corporation. Records of the Cemetery Association are kept at the residence of the association secretary.

Recommendations. For the present, at any rate, the vault at the Gordon-Nash Library appears to be an adequate depository for town records. The Town Meeting Books possess a greater amount of indexing than do the Town Meeting Books of some other New Hampshire towns. Three volumes, 1860-90, and 1939 to date, are indexed by subject matter. This indexing is contained within the volumes. There are also two separate indexes. One of these indexes the vital statistics contained within the minutes for the years 1797-1860. The other indexes alphabetically by subject matter the contents of volume 6, which covers the years 1890-1913. It would be worth while to complete the indexing of these volumes.

The various vital statistics of the town are now only partially indexed. The complete indexing of these important records would be advisable.

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1. Statement of John Curtis Gowan, Registrar, New Hampton School.
2. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), see entry 3.
3. Ibid., p. 17 (1798).
4. Ibid.
5. See Preston, op. cit., p. 22.

(First entry, p. 28)

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.	alphabetically
App.	Appendix
approx.	approximately
arr.	arranged
aver.	average
bdl(s).	bundle(s)
ch(s).	chapter(s)
chron.	chronologically
et passim.	and here and there
f. d.	file drawer(s)
hdw.	handwritten (in ink)
ibid.	*ibidem* (in the same place)
MS(S).	Manuscript(s)
no.	number
numer.	numerically
off.	office
op. cit.	*opere citato* (in the work cited)
passim	here and there
p(p).	page(s)
ptd.	printed
res.	residence
sec(s).	section(s)
sel.	selectmen
supt.	superintendent
T. M. B.	Record-New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books]
v.	vault
vol(s).	volume(s)
--	to date
x	by (in dimension items)

Titles: Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without brackets, as in entry 1. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 12. If a record title is not descriptive of the record, an assigned explanatory title, written with initial caps and enclosed in brackets, has been added, as in entry 3. The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title and title variation is indicated. Titles of artificial entries (those procured from another entry) are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 6. In the master entry, the subtitle, referring to the artificial entry, is neither enclosed in brackets nor capitalized (see entry 7-a); in some descriptions, as in entry 3-aj, the title of the entry referred to (see entry 54) is inverted to correspond with alphabetical sequence. When regular entries are referred to in the description of other entries, the exact title of the

regular entry is not used, but merely a phrase descriptive of the records, as in entry 47-d, unless the exact title is brief and descriptive, as in entry 3-k.

Dates: First and last dates covered by a particular record are shown in the title-line of the entry. Continuous records are shown by a hyphen between the beginning and closing dates, as 1797-1860 (see entry 1). Lapses in the records are indicated by commas between the groups of inclusive dates, as 1792-1852, 1865-1921 (see entry 44). Current dates are indicated by two hyphens, as 1797--. When the dates of a record cannot be ascertained, the expression "undated" is used, see App. entry 4.

Quantity: When two or more types of containers are considered in a single entry, the quantity is shown in chronological order, insofar as possible.

Labeling: Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other types of containers, indicate the labeling. If no labeling is indicated, it may be assumed that there is none.

Discontinuance: Where no statement is made that the record was discontinued at the last date shown in the entry, it could not be definitely established that such was the case. Where no comment is made on the absence of prior, subsequent, or intermediate records, no definite information could be obtained.

Last Entry: If a record is still open but has no recent entries, the statement "Last entry (date)" is used, see entry 29. In such a case, the date item of the entry indicates that the record is current.

Description of Records: The description item of each entry indicates, in order, the nature of the record, its purpose and use (if not obvious), and the information it contains. The description applies only to the current or most recent record unless change in contents is actually shown in a record entry.

Arrangement: This item is used to show the logical order or planned sequence by which items have been entered in records; it means the internal arrangement of records in volumes, file boxes, or other containers, and not the arrangement of volumes on a shelf.

Indexing: All indexes to records, unless otherwise stated, are self-contained.

Condition of Records: Records are in good condition unless otherwise stated.

Dimensions: When a series consists of more than one volume, it is understood that the pagination of the majority of the volumes or that of the current volume is given. The same rule applies to measurements of file boxes, file drawers, etc. Dimensions are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated, and, therefore, the symbol for inches (") has been omitted.

Location of Records: When all or the majority of the records of an office have a common location, the location is indicated in the last sentence of the office essay instead of in each individual entry.

Cross References: Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which has been kept separately for a period of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example is that in entry 46: "1792-1852, 1865-1921 in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-i; 1853-64 in Record-Abatements, entry 47-c." They are also used in all artificial entries, those set up to cover records

which must be shown separately under their proper office even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory, as, for example, the title-line cross reference in entry 52, "1833 in Record-New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-an; 1834-41 in [Selectmen's Accounts], New Hampton Records, entry 44-g", or in those set up for a record which is never kept separately but is found in two or more records of miscellaneous content, such as entry 6. In both instances, the description in the master entry shows the title in lower case and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made, for example this description in entry 7: "Contains original: a. Birth certificates, entry 6." Dates shown in the description of the master entry or entry of miscellaneous content are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry, and See also references with subject headings are used to show prior, subsequent, or closely related records which are not parts of the same series. Third-paragraph references cross, but See also references do not cross. Appendix: The appendix of this inventory contains a few isolated records not connected with the regular records of the town.

B. TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

I. TOWN CLERK, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, SUB-REGISTRAR OF BURIAL PERMITS

No record of a town clerk being elected in 1797 can be found, but at a meeting held March 6, 1798, it was "Voted to give * * * 4 Dollars for Serving Town Clerk the year 1797."[1] From 1798 to date a town clerk has been elected annually.[2] In some years, in addition to the town clerk elected, one or two town clerks were appointed.[3] For two years in the eighteen-eighties a sub-registrar of burial permits was appointed. The title of this office would indicate that it performed one phase of the duties ordinarily performed by the town clerk.[4] In 1936 there was appointed a deputy town clerk[5] who still holds that office.

Unless otherwise stated, records are located in the vault inside the selectmen's office, Gordon-Nash Library.

Town Minutes and their Indexes

1. INDEX NEW HAMPTON OLD TOWN RECORDS—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS, 1797-1860. 1 vol. (1905). Index prepared 1905.

Alphabetical index to vital statistics in the Town Meeting Books, entry 3-ab, az, ba, showing volume and page number, and kind of event. Arr. alph. by name of person concerned. Hdw. 60 pp. 11 x 9 1/4 x 2.

2. INDEX TO VOL. 6 NEW HAMPTON TOWN RECORDS, COMMENCING MARCH 1, '90, 1890-1913. 1 vol.

Alphabetical index to volume 6 in the Town Meeting Books, entry 3. Arr. alph. by subject matter. Hdw. 26 pp. 13 1/2 x 4 1/8 x 1/8.

3. RECORD—NEW HAMPTON, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], 1797--. 6 vols. (1-2, IV, 5-7), and 1 copied vol. 1797-1828. 1777-96 destroyed by fire August 27, 1887. Title varies slightly.

Contains:

a. Warrants for town meetings. Notices for town meetings warning voters to meet, discuss, and act upon town affairs showing date of warrant; names of State, county, and town; date, place, and time of meeting; list of articles to be voted upon; and names of signers—selectmen. For original town warrants, 1886--, see entry 36-a.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 15 (1798), see entry 3.
2. Ibid., 1798--.
3. For examples, see ibid., vol. 2, p. 341 (1853), et passim 1855-75; Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 2, p. 59 (1899), et passim 1903-25, see entry 33.
4. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 1, p. 24 (1883), p. 159 (1888), see entry 33.
5. Ibid., vol. 4, January 25, 1936.

Town Clerk - Town Minutes (3)
and their Indexes

b. Certificates of posting warrants, 1803-4, 1836, 1840-45, 1849, 1852--, showing dates and places posted, names of selectmen, description of notice, and attest of town clerk.

c. Minutes of town meetings showing date and place of meeting, articles voted upon, officers elected, appropriations made, and attest of town clerk.

d. Petitions to selectmen for special town meetings, 1799, 1803, 1826, 1879, showing date, reasons, subject to be considered, and names of signers—petitioners.

e. Petition to justice of peace for special town meeting, 1803, showing date, reason, articles to be voted upon, names of signers—petitioners—, and jurat.

f. Warrant from justice of peace calling special town meeting, 1803, showing date, place, and time of meeting; date of warrant; names of town and county; and jurat. Also certification of posting, showing dates and places posted, jurat, and attest of town clerk.

g. Petition to insert article in warrant for purpose of granting aid to families of those who have been or may be volunteers in the army, 1861, showing date, names of signers—petitioners—, and attest of town clerk.

Also contains:

h. Abatement of taxes, actions taken at town meetings for, scattered dates 1806-41, showing date, and names of persons to whom abatement was granted. For selectmen's abatement of taxes, 1853--, see entry 47; for abatements allowed by tax collector, 1921--, see entry 55.

i. Abatement of taxes, protest to selectmen and petition to superior court for, 1913, showing date, names of signers—petitioners—, and jurat.

j. Appointments of town officers, scattered dates 1833-1912, entry 34.

k. Assignment of wages, 1883, 1913, entry 21.

m. Auditors' report, 1800. Certification by auditors as to performance of their duties showing date, name of town, and names of signers—auditors. For auditors' printed reports, 1848--, see entry 41.

n. Bills of sale, scattered dates 1837-1914, entry 22.

o. Bonds of town officers, scattered dates 1798-1922, showing date, names and addresses of principals and sureties, name of office, amount and conditions of bond, term of office, and names of signers—principals and sureties. For original town officers' bonds, 1886--, see entry 36-d.

p. Bridges, appropriations for, scattered dates 1828--. Last entry 1933. Date, location of bridge, and amount appropriated.

q. Cemetery lot, record of ownership of, 1884, showing date; names of town, cemetery association, and secretary; and attest and signature of town clerk. For records of cemetery association, 1863--, see entry 62.

r. Census, announcement of, 1930, showing names of State, county, and town; date; number of inhabitants and farms; name of

supervisor of census; and attest and signature of town clerk.

s. Claims for highway damages, 1887, showing date and amount of claim, name and residence of claimant, date and description of injury, damages sustained, jurat, and attest and signature of town clerk. For original highway claims, 1888-1914, see entry 36-f.

t. Conditional sales, scattered dates 1833-83, entry 23.

u. Constitution, votes taken for revision of State, scattered dates 1800--. Last entry 1935. Total number of votes cast on both sides for amendments to the constitution.

v. Corporations, formation of, 1833, 1855, 1896, 1912, showing date, name of town, and name and purpose of organization.

w. Dog licenses, 1891-99, 1901, entry 30.

x. Elections, annual and biennial, 1798--. Annual elections, 1798-1877, showing date, time, and place of election; names of town and candidates; total votes cast for each candidate; and total votes. Warrants for biennial elections, 1878--, showing date, time, and place of election; names of officers to be voted upon; and attest and signature of town clerk. Returns of biennial elections, 1878--, showing date, time, and place of election; names of candidates; total votes cast for each candidate; and total votes cast.

y. Elections of town officers, 1797--, showing date of election, office contested, name of person elected, and term of office.

z. Elections, warrants and returns of State and presidential, 1804--. Warrants show date of warrant; date, time, and place of election; names of town and offices to be contested; date of posting; and signature of town clerk. Returns show date of return; date, time, and place of election; names of candidates, town, and electors; and total votes cast.

aa. Elections, warrants and returns of primary, 1910--. Warrants show date of warrant; name of town; date, time, and place of election; offices to be contested; instructions as to filing fees; date of posting; and attest and signature of town clerk. Returns show date of return; date, time, and place of election; names of candidates with their party affiliations and offices contested; total votes cast for each candidate and party; and total votes cast.

ab. Family records, scattered dates 1742-1860. Births show name of infant, and date of birth. Marriages show names and addresses of bride and groom, and dates of birth and marriage. Deaths show date and name of deceased. All statistics show name of family. For related family records of births, 1847, 1858, 1889, see entry 4-a.

ac. Fence divisions and agreements, scattered dates 1817--, entry 37. Last entry 1924.

ad. Fire precinct, establishment of, 1887, showing date, names of town and precinct, location of bounds, names of selectmen, and attest and signature of town clerk. For original record of establishment of fire precinct, see entry 36-x.

ae. Highway appropriations, 1798--, showing date of town meeting and amount appropriated.

af. Highway damage awards, scattered dates 1828-80, showing date of award, amount, name of recipient, and signature of town clerk.

ag. Highway, exchange of rangeway for, 1816. Record of conveyance of part of rangeway for a highway showing date, to whom conveyed, consideration, location, names of new owners, and names of signers—selectmen.

ah. Highway layouts, county commissioners' notice of, 1861, showing date; names of petitioners, county commissioners, State, county, and town; date of commitment by supreme judicial court; location of road; amount of damages awarded; and attest and signature of town clerk.

ai. Highway petitions, scattered dates 1841--. Last entry 1933. Date; description of highway; reasons for petition; names of petitioners; date, time, and place of hearing; disposition; and names of signers—selectmen. For original highway petitions, 1886-1907, see entry 36-j.

aj. Highway surveyors' districts, layout of, 1899, entry 54.

ak. Highways, discontinuance of, scattered dates 1797-1926, showing date; reasons; and names of highway, town, and inhabitants on highway.

am. Highways, selectmen's return of, scattered dates 1797--. Last entry 1933. Citation of original petition, amount of damages allowed to each landowner, date of return, names of selectmen, and attest of town clerk.

an. Informers or complainants, appointments of, 1833, entry 52.

ao. Insurance agents, certifications of, 1869-71, 1890, showing kind of insurance to be sold, names of company and agent, duties of agent, and signature of town clerk.

ap. Investigating committee, acceptance of report of, 1877. Report of committee appointed in 1874 to investigate the financial condition of the town for 1860-74 showing comments on business conducted by selectmen, committee's decision, names of selectmen, and attest and signature of town clerk.

aq. Jury warrants, scattered dates 1797--, showing date, time, and place of meeting; number of grand and petit jurors to be drawn; name and term of court; and signature of town clerk. For original jury warrants, 1886--, see entry 36-m.

ar. Jury drawings, scattered dates 1797--, entry 50.

as. Leases, scattered dates 1860-1903, entry 25.

at. Library, acceptance of, 1896. Votes taken in town meeting to accept gift of library by Stephen G. Nash showing date, and amount appropriated for dedication. For library records, 1887--, see entry 71.

au. Licenses for pleasure boats, 1874, showing date, name and address of licensee, purpose, and amount of fee paid.

av. Licenses, liquor and tavern, scattered dates 1797-1890. Permits to sell liquor showing date, names of licensee and town, place of sale, and names of signers—selectmen.

aw. Licenses, one-day liquor, scattered dates 1822-53, showing date and purpose of issuance, date of selling, location of stand, names of licensee and selectmen, and attest and signature of town clerk.

ax. Liens, scattered dates 1883-1905, entry 24.

ay. Lumber surveyed, certificate of, 1800, showing date, name of town, description and dimensions of lumber, record of board mark, names of owner and surveyor, and attest and signature of town clerk.

az. Marriage, intentions of, scattered dates 1796-1855, entry 10.

ba. Marriages, 1800-1849, entry 8.

bb. Meeting-house (town house), establishment and repairs of, 1798--, showing date of meeting; and amounts appropriated for building, repairs, supplies, and furnishings.

bc. Memorial Day appropriations, scattered dates 1881--, showing date of meeting, votes taken, and amount appropriated.

bd. Minister's letter of acceptance, 1800, showing date of letter, names of town and minister, and attest of town clerk.

be. New Hampton Academy, grant of building site to, 1826, "giving liberty to the proprietors of New Hampton Academy to erect one building and hold the occupancy of the land for the same for the term of time said corporation and the building thereon shall exist." Also names of committeemen to "locate a place to set the building."

bf. New Hampton Cemetery Association, revision of by-laws of, January 14, 1914. For records of cemetery association, 1863--, see entry 62.

bg. Oaths of town officers, scattered dates 1802--, entry 35.

bh. Old Home Day appropriations, 1904--, showing date of meeting and amount appropriated.

bi. Paupers, vendue of, 1814-30, showing names of pauper, lowest bidder, State, county, and town; date; and amount of bid.

bj. Perambulations of town lines, 1800--, showing date; date, time, and place of meeting; names of selectmen of towns concerned; metes and bounds; location of markers; and names of signers—selectmen of towns concerned. For original perambulations, 1891-1919, see entry 36-p.

bk. Pew deeds, 1805, 1815. Record of transfer of pews showing date; names of State, town, committeemen, and contracting parties; amount; description, number, and location of pew; and attest and signature of town clerk.

bm. Pole petitions, scattered dates 1891--. Last entry 1935. Requests by public utility corporation for permission to locate poles and wires on public property showing date, names of town and petitioners, number and proposed location of poles, and names of signers—company officials. For original pole petitions, 1894-1921, 1936--, see entry 36-q.

bn. Pole permits, scattered dates 1891--, showing date, order by selectmen granting location of poles to utility company, name of town, number and location of poles, and attest and signature of town clerk. For original pole permits, 1936--, see entry 36-r.

bo. Police regulations, 1872. Regulations invoked prohibiting coasting on highways showing names of police officers and selectmen, and attest and signature of town clerk.

bp. Poor house, rules and regulations for, 1833. Adoption of legislative act passed December 16, 1828 pertaining to regulation of poor houses.

bq. Power of attorney, 1897. Appointment of person to act as attorney showing date; name and kind of business to be conducted; names of town, witnesses, and person granting power of attorney; jurat; and attest and signature of town clerk.

br. Promissory notes, scattered dates 1893-98, entry 20.

bs. Referee's report for discontinuance of highway, 1874, showing date, names of referee and road, damages awarded, stipulation regarding payment of highway tax, amount to be paid by town of Meredith, and attest and signature of town clerk.

bt. Resignations of town officers, scattered dates 1865-1921, showing date of notice, names of resigning officer and office, and attest and signature of town clerk. For original resignations, 1886-1919, see entry 36-s.

bu. School board members, notice of election of, 1898--, showing date; names of town, officers elected, and school district clerk; date of school meeting; and attest and signature of town clerk.

bv. School books adopted, record of, scattered dates 1886-92, showing names of books, book firm, book agent, and superintendent of schools; price of books; and attest and signature of town clerk.

bw. School district lines, petitions for change of (dissolved), scattered dates 1810-79, showing names of State, town, and petitioners; date; numbers of school districts involved; and description of bounds.

bx. School district meetings, 1909-14, entry 63.

by. School district meetings, warrants for (dissolved), 1810, 1812, 1814, 1824, 1849, showing names of State, town, and county; date of warrant; school district number; date, time, and place of meeting; articles to be voted upon; and names of signers—selectmen.

bz. School district meetings, minutes of (dissolved), 1810, 1812, 1814, 1823-24, 1851, 1879, showing date, time, and place of meeting; articles voted upon; and names of signers—selectmen.

ca. School districts, divisions of (dissolved), scattered dates 1810-88. Reports of committees for divisions of school districts showing date, old and new numbers of districts, names of taxpayers affected, description of districts, and names of signers—committeemen.

cb. Schools, support of, scattered dates 1798-1913, showing date of meeting and amounts appropriated.

cc. Selectmen's agreements with town officers, 1861-1922, showing date, term of agreement, names of parties concerned, and attest and signature of town clerk.

cd. Sheep and cattle marks, scattered dates 1799-1841, showing date of entry; names of town and owner; and breed, description, and mark of animal.

ce. Social Fraternity Society, organization of, 1833, showing date; names of State, town, members, and society clerk; and attest and signature of town clerk. For records of the Social Fraternity, see App., entry 1.

cf. Soldiers' bounties, 1862-66, showing date of meeting and amounts to be raised and paid. For record of soldiers' bounties paid, 1862-65, see entry 47-e.

cg. Soldiers, enrollment of, 1865-69, entry 38.

ch. Soldiers' memorial tablet, erection of, 1919, 1924, showing votes taken at meeting, date, appropriations made, and names of committeemen appointed.

ci. Strafford County, division of, 1836, 1839, showing date, votes taken for or against division, and total number of votes.

cj. Stray notices, scattered dates 1801-83. Reports of stray animals found trespassing on private property showing date, description of animal, where found, and name of finder. For original stray notices, 1890, 1894, see entry 36-t.

ck. Tax collectors' sales, scattered dates 1797-1909, showing information as in entry 57. For copies of tax sales, 1930--, see entry 29; for tax sale receipts, 1939--, see entry 56-a.

cm. Tax sale notices, scattered dates 1800-1907, showing date, names of town and owner, dates of posting and sale, description of property, assessed valuation, amount of unpaid taxes, date of return, jurat, signature of tax collector, and date received and recorded by town clerk. For town clerk's copies of tax sales, 1930--, see entry 29; for tax collector's record of tax sales, 1927--, see entry 57.

cn. Tax sale record, petition to superior court to change, 1886, showing date, names of plaintiff and tax collector, and amendments suggested. Record of judgment showing date, name of court, name and attest of clerk of court; and attest and signature of town clerk.

co. Town by-laws, 1800, 1835, 1933, showing date, purpose, names of officials making by-laws, and attest and signature of town clerk.

cp. Town farm, establishment of, 1830-32, 1834, 1840, 1846, 1852, showing date of meeting, votes taken for establishment and repairs of town farm, names of committees appointed, and attest of town clerk.

cq. Treasurer's annual reports, 1870-71, showing receipts, expenditures, record of notes, balance in treasury, name of treasurer, and attest and signature of town clerk. For treasurer's printed annual reports, see entry 41.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No contained index, 3 vols., 1797-1859, 1890-1938; indexed by subject matter, 3 vols., 1860-90, 1939--; for separate index for vital statistics, 1797-1860, see entry 1; for separate index, 1890-1913, see entry 2. Hdw. 550 pp. 14 x 9 1/4 x 2. 6 vols., 1797--, sel. v.; 1 copied vol., 1797-1828, Secretary of State's v., Concord.

Vital Statistics

4. RECORD—BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, scattered dates 1842--. 5 vols. (numbered 4, 6, 7, 3 vols., 1878-94, 1908--). Title varies slightly.

Contains recordings of:

a. Family record of births, 1847, 1858, 1889, showing information as in entry 3-ab.

b. Births. 1842-69 shows date of birth; name, sex, and color of child; and names of parents. 1870-- adds place and condition of birth; residence, occupation, birthplaces, and color of parents; name of attending physician; and attest and signature of town clerk. For certificates of births, 1886-1919, 1938--, see entry 6.

c. Marriage intentions, 1847, 1854--, entry 10.

d. Marriages, 1843--, entry 8.

e. Marriage waivers, five-day, 1881, 1934, 1936, showing date, names and residences of contracting parties, citation of law, and name of signer—justice of municipal court. For original five-day marriage waivers, 1938--, see entry 5-d.

f. Deaths, 1850--. 1850-69 shows date; name, residence, age, and occupation of deceased; cause of death; duration of disease; place of birth; and attest and signature of town clerk. 1870-94 adds sex, color, and marital status of deceased; occupation of father; names and birthplaces of parents; and name and address of physician reporting death. 1895-- adds length of residence where death occurred, place of previous residence, name of institution if death occurred there, name of widow(er) surviving, date and place of interment, and name and address of undertaker. For death certificates, 1886-1919, 1938--, see entry 13.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index, 2 vols., 1842-94; indexed alph. by names of parties concerned, 3 vols., 1895--. Hdw. on ptd. forms and headings. 300 pp. 17 x 11 1/4 x 1.

5. VITAL STATISTICS—NEW HAMPTON, N. H., 1938--. 1 loose-leaf vol.

Contains original:

a. Birth certificates, entry 6.

b. Marriage intentions, certificates of, entry 11.

c. Marriage, certificates of, entry 9.

d. Marriage waivers, five-day, showing information as in entry 4-e.

e. Death certificates, entry 13.

Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by register no. Indexed alph. by names of child, groom, and deceased. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 76 pp. 11 1/2 x 9 1/4 x 2. Res. Chalenor L. Bickford, town clerk.

6. [BIRTH CERTIFICATES], 1886-1919, 1938--. 1886-1902 in Certificates of Births, Deaths and Burial Permits, entry 7-a; 1903-19 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 36-c; 1938-- in Vital Statistics—New Hampton, N. H., entry 5-a.

Original birth certificates showing date, place, and time of birth; names of county and town; whether plural births; premature or full term; sex

and color of child; names, residence, color or race, ages, birthplaces, and occupations of parents; and number of children of this mother born alive and now living, born alive and now dead, and stillborn. Certificates of attending physician or midwife showing date, statement of attendance at time of birth, and signature and address of person reporting birth. Also date birth filed, name of town clerk, date given name added, and signature of town clerk.

For record of births, 1842--, see entry 4-b.

7. CERTIFICATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND BURIAL PERMITS, 1886-1902. Approx. 700 certificates in 17 bdls. Prior papers missing.

Contains original:

a. Birth certificates, entry 6.
b. Death certificates, entry 13.
c. Burial permit certificates, entry 14.

Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 6 1/4 x 4 x 1/2.

8. [RECORD OF MARRIAGES], 1800--, 1800-1849 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-ba; 1843-- in Record —Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 4-d.

1800-49 shows date; and names of town, groom, bride, and clergyman. 1850-76 adds residence of contracting parties, residence and official designation of marrying official, and attest and signature of town clerk. 1877-- adds color, ages, occupations, marital status, and birthplaces of bride and groom; and names, residence, birthplaces, occupations, and color of parents.

9. [MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES], 1886-1919, 1938--. 1886-1919 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 36-o; 1938-- in Vital Statistics —New Hampton, N. H., entry 5-c.

Date and place of marriage; official designation, residence, and signature of person performing ceremony; date filed; signature of town clerk; and register number.

10. RECORD OF INTENTION OF MARRIAGE, 1895--. 2 vols. Title varies slightly. 1796-1855 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-az; 1847, 1854-94, also 1895-- in Record—Births, Marriages, Deaths, entry 4-c.

1796-1855 shows date of filing, names and addresses of parties concerned, and attest and signature of town clerk. 1856-1919 adds names of State and town; color, ages, and occupations of contracting parties; names, residences, color, ages, and occupations of parents; and number of marriage. 1920-- adds age of parents at time of death. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of contracting parties. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 1 vol., 1895-1919, 150 pp. 12 1/2 x 9 x 1; 1 vol., 1920--, 400 pp. 10 3/4 x 8 3/4 x 1 1/2.

11. [CERTIFICATES OF INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE], 1901-19, 1938--. 1901-1919 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 36-n; 1938-- in Vital Statistics—New Hampton, N. H., entry 5-b.

Date; names, ages, color, and marital status of contracting parties; names, ages, residence, living or dead, occupations, and birthplaces of parents; date of receipt of physician's statement and record of blood test; and attest and signature of town clerk.

12. [RECORD OF STANDARD LABORATORY BLOOD TESTS], Sept. 1, 1938--. 1 loose-leaf vol. Required by law beginning in 1938.

Statement by physician concerning person examined showing names of town, State, and applicant; date of application; certification of health status; address of physician; and signatures of applicant and physician. Record from New Hampshire State Laboratory of Hygiene showing date, names of director and serologist, citation of law, kind of test (Hinton and Kline), names and addresses of applicant and physician, certification of license and registration of physician, signature of serologist, name of town, and date filed by and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of intention of marriage. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 26 pp. 9 x 9 1/8 x 1/2.

13. [DEATH CERTIFICATES], 1886-1919, 1938--. 1886-1902 in Certificates of Births, Deaths and Burial Permits, entry 7-b; 1903-19 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 36-g; 1938-- in Vital Statistics—New Hampton, N. H., entry 5-e.

Name, residence, place of death, name of war if veteran, social security number, sex, color or race, marital status, date of birth, age, birthplace, and occupation of deceased; names (maiden name of mother) and birthplaces of parents; signature and address of informant; date and place of burial, cremation, or removal; signature and address of funeral director, and countersigned by town clerk; and date received by and signature of town clerk. Medical certificate showing date of death, certification by physician as to last time he saw deceased alive and time death occurred, immediate cause, other conditions, major findings, external causes, signature and address of physician, and date signed. Medical referee's description when name and address of deceased cannot be ascertained showing sex, color or race, apparent age, height, weight, complexion, hair, eyes, nose, face, teeth, clothing, etc.

For record of deaths, 1850--, see entry 4-f.

14. [BURIAL PERMITS], 1886-1925. 1886-1902 in Certificates of Births, Deaths and Burial Permits, entry 7-c; 1903-25 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 36-e.

Certificates of burial permits showing date; names of State, town, physician, and permittee; name, age, and place, date, and cause of death of deceased; place of interment; permit number; and signature of issuing officer.

For burial permit stubs, 1888--, see entry 15; for record of burial permits, 1884-95, see entry 16; for original disinterment permits, 1901, 1907, see entry 36-h.

Town Clerk - Receipts and Payments; Mortgages, Promissory Notes, Wage Assignments, Bills of Sale (15-18)

15. [BURIAL PERMIT STUBS], 1888--. 17 stub books.
Date, name of person to whom permit is granted, name and age of deceased, date of death, place of interment, and permit number. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by permit no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 25 pp. 5 1/2 x 12 1/4 x 1/4.
For original burial permits, 1886-1925, see entry 14; for record of burial permits, 1884-95, see entry 16.

16. LEDGER—BURIAL PERMITS, 1884-95. 1 vol. Isolated record.
Record of burial permits showing information as in entry 14. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by permit no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hdw. 250 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 x 1 1/8.
For permit stubs, 1888--, see entry 15.

Receipts and Payments
(See also entries 42-44, 58-61)

17. CASH BOOK, 1929--. 2 vols. Prior records missing.
Town clerk's record of receipts and payments. Receipts show date; source (automobile and dog taxes); name of payee; permit number and amount of automobile tax; number of dog license; name of owner; breed, name, and sex of dog; and amount. Payments show date, check number, to whom (town clerk's fees and personal expenses), and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by permit and license no. No index. Hdw. 1 vol., 1929-36, 100 pp. 11 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 1/2; 1 vol., 1936--, 150 pp. 12 3/4 x 5 3/4 x 3/4. Res. Mr. Bickford.

Mortgages, Promissory Notes, Wage Assignments, Bills of Sale

18. RECORD—PERSONAL MORTGAGE, 1852-58, 1877--. 4 vols. (labeled A-B, 1 vol., 1895-1931). Prior records missing. 1 vol., 1859-76 destroyed by fire. Title varies slightly.
Date; names of town, mortgagor, and mortgagee; description of property; consideration involved; conditions and limitations; date of discharge; names of signers—mortgagor, mortgagee, and witnesses—; jurat; and attest and signature of town clerk.
Also contains:
a. Assignment of wages, 1900-1901, entry 21.
b. Bills of sale, scattered dates 1899-1919, entry 22.
c. Conditional sales, scattered dates 1899-1924, entry 23.
d. Leases, 1899, 1906, entry 25.
e. Liens, scattered dates 1899-1921, entry 24.
f. Promissory notes, scattered dates 1899-1921, entry 20.
Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor and mortgagee; for separate index, 1852-58, 1877-95, see entry 19. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 400 pp. 14 1/4 x 9 1/4 x 2.

Town Clerk - Conditional Sales, Liens, Leases (19-24)

19. [Index to] RECORDS MORTGAGE PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1852-58, 1877-95. 2 vols. Title varies: Name of Mortgagors to Mortgagees and Page—New Hampton, 1852-58, 1 vol.
Index to personal mortgages entry 18 showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, and volume and page number. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hdw. 1 vol., 1852-58, 26 pp. 13 x 4 x 1/8; 1 vol., 1877-95, 26 pp. 13 x 8 1/8 x 1/4.

20. [PROMISSORY NOTES], scattered dates 1893-1921. 1893-98 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-br; 1899-1921 in Record—Personal Mortgage, entry 18-f.
Date; names of State, town, and parties concerned; amount, term, and time limit of note; and attest and signature of town clerk.

21. [ASSIGNMENT OF WAGES], 1883, 1900-1901, 1913. 1883, 1913 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-k; 1900-1901 in Record—Personal Mortgage, entry 18-a.
Date, name and address of employer, name of assignee, amount and date of partial payment, total assignment, signature of assignor, date accepted, and date recorded by and attest and signature of town clerk.

22. [BILLS OF SALE], scattered dates 1837-1919. 1837-1914 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-n; 1899-1919 in Record—Personal Mortgage, entry 18-b.
Date, names of town and all parties concerned, description of property, consideration involved, conditions and limitations, names of signers—parties concerned and witnesses—, jurat, and attest and signature of town clerk.

Conditional Sales, Liens, Leases

23. CONDITIONAL SALES, 1928--. 2 vols. (C,E). 1833-83 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-t; 1899-1924 in Record—Personal Mortgage, entry 18-c.
Date; name of town; names and residences of contracting parties; description of property; amount, conditions, and schedule of payments; jurat; and attest and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 250 pp. 14 1/2 x 10 x 4.

24. [LIENS], scattered dates 1883-1921. 1883-1905 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-ax; 1899-1921 in Record—Personal Mortgage, entry 18-e.
Contracts in affirmation of conditional sales showing date; names, residences, and affidavits of contracting parties; name of town; description of property; consideration involved; term of lien; and attest and signature of town clerk.

25. [LEASES], scattered dates 1860-1903, 1906. 1860-1903 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-as; 1899, 1906 in Record—Personal Mortgage, entry 18-d.
Date, names of town and contracting parties, description of property, consideration involved, conditions and limitations, names of signers—contracting parties and witnesses—, and attest and signature of town clerk.

Writs

26. RECORD OF WRITS, 1878--. 2 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies: Writs and Attachments, 1878-90, 1 vol.
Excerpts of writs of attachment showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date and term of court, and date and time received and discharged. Arr. chron. by date of filing and thereunder alph. by name of plaintiff and defendant. No contained index; for separate index, 1890-1910, see entry 27. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms and headings. 1 vol., 1878-90, 13 pp. 11 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1/8; 1 vol., 1890--, 26 pp. 13 3/4 x 8 1/2 x 1.
For original writs of attachment, 1886-1919, see entry 36-y.

27. INDEX TO WRITS AND ATTACHMENTS—NEW HAMPTON TOWN RECORDS, scattered dates 1890-1910. 1 vol.
Index to writs of attachments entry 26 showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date and term of court, date and time received, and signature of town clerk. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff and defendant and thereunder chron. by term of court. Hdw. 13 pp. 13 1/2 x 4 1/4 x 1/8.

Taxation
(See also entries 45-47, 55-57)

28. INVOICE BOOK—NEW HAMPTON, 1851--. 7 vols. (dated 1907, 1919, 2 vols., 1906-35). Title varies slightly.
Town clerk's copies of selectmen's inventories of taxable property in town. 1851-69 shows name of taxpayer; number of school district; number of polls; number of horses, sheep, asses, and mules; number of cows, oxen, and other neat stock; number and value of improved and unimproved lands with description; number of ferries, wharves, carriages, stock in trade, toll bridges, mills, and carding machinery; stocks in banks and other corporations; money on hand, at interest or on deposit; total and reduced value; and State, county, school, and highway taxes. 1870-- adds number of hogs and fowls; value of stock in corporations out of state; amount of dog taxes; number and value of fur bearing animals, vehicles, portable mills, boats and launches, gasoline pumps and tanks; and precinct tax. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by school district no., 1851-86; arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer, 1887--. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 500 pp. 17 1/4 x 15 x 2 1/2.

29. RECORD OF TAX SALES, 1930--. 1 loose-leaf vol. Last entry 1939.
Town clerk's copy of tax sales showing information as in entry 57. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms and headings. 9 pp. 17 3/4 x 11 1/2 x 1/2.

Town Clerk - Licenses, Permits; (30-34)
Town Officers

For record of tax sales, 1797-1909, see entry 3-ck; for tax sale notices, 1800-1907, see entry 3-cm; for tax sale receipts, 1939--, see entry 56-a.

Licenses, Permits
(See also entry 51)

30. RECORD OF LICENSED DOGS, 1900-1929, 1933--. 3 vols. Title varies slightly. 1891-99, also 1901 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-w.

Date; name of owner; name, sex, and description of dog; and number and amount of license. Arr. chron. by date of issue and thereunder numer. by license no. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on ptd. forms and headings. 400 pp. 14 1/8 x 9 1/2 x 1 1/2.

31. [DOG LICENSE STUBS], 1936--. 6 stub books (dated). Prior records destroyed.

Date and number of permit; name and address of owner; name, age, breed, color, and sex of dog; and amount of fee. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 4 stub books, 1936-39, 100 pp. 5 1/2 x 3 3/4 x 1/4; 2 stub books, 1939--, 100 pp. 5 1/8 x 11 x 1/2. Res. Mr. Bickford.

32. [MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERMIT STUBS], 1921-25, 1936--. 30 stub books. Prior stubs missing.

Date; name and address of owner; make, kind, serial and permit numbers, list price, color, and weight of car; amount of fees; and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. and thereunder numer. by no. of permit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 150 pp. 3 x 5 x 3/4. 24 stub books, 1921-25, 1936-39, sel. v.; 6 stub books, 1939--, res. Mr. Bickford.

Town Officers

33. APPOINTMENT BOOK—TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON, 1883--. 4 vols. (dated).

Contains:

a. Appointments of town officers, entry 34.
b. Oaths of town officers, entry 35.

Arr. chron. by date of appointment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 1 vol., 1883-92, 275 pp. 6 x 9 3/4 x 1 3/4; 2 vols., 1892-1913, 150 pp. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1; 1 vol., 1913--, 100 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 1/2.

34. [APPOINTMENTS OF TOWN OFFICERS], 1832--. 1832-44 in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-b; 1833-1912 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-j; 1883-- in Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, entry 33-a.

Date; names of town, appointee, appointing officials, and office to which appointed; term of office; and attest and signature of town clerk.

For original appointments, 1886-1937, see entry 36-b.

35. [OATHS OF TOWN OFFICERS], 1802--. In Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-bg. 1883-- also in Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, entry 33-b.

Date; names of State, town, and appointee; jurat; and attest and signature of town clerk.

Miscellaneous

36. [MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], scattered dates 1886--. Approx. 2,000 papers in 36 bdls., 11 bdls. in 1 f. d.

Contains original:

a. Warrants for town meetings showing information as in entry 3-a.
b. Appointments of town officers, 1886-1937, showing information as in entry 34.
c. Birth certificates, 1903-19, entry 6.
d. Bonds of town officers, 1886--, showing information as in entry 3-o.
e. Burial permit certificates, 1903-25, entry 14.
f. Claims for highway damages, 1888-1914, showing information as in entry 3-s.
g. Death certificates, 1903-19, entry 13.
h. Disinterment permits from State Board of Health, 1901, 1907, showing date of permit; name of deceased; date and cause of death; names of cemeteries where body is now located and where it is to be removed; and signatures of Secretary of State Board of Health and local board. For original burial permits, 1886-1925, see entry 14.
i. Fence divisions and agreements, 1890-1904, showing information as in entry 37.
j. Highway petitions, 1886-1907, showing information as in entry 3-ai.
k. Highway surveyor's districts, layout of, 1899, showing information as in entry 54.
m. Jury warrants, 1886--, showing information as in entry 3-aq.
n. Marriage intention certificates, 1901-19, entry 11.
o. Marriage certificates, 1886-1919, entry 9.
p. Perambulations of town lines, 1891-1919, showing information as in entry 3-bj.
q. Pole petitions, 1894-1921, 1936--, showing information as in entry 3-bm.
r. Pole permits, 1936--, showing information as in entry 3-bn.
s. Resignations of town officers, 1886-1919, showing information as in entry 3-bt.
t. Stray notices, 1890, 1894, showing information as in entry 3-cj.
u. Tax collector's sales, 1886-1907, entry 57.
v. Tramp house, petition for, 1899, showing date, reasons, and signatures of petitioners.
w. Trustee writs, 1886-1919. Order for writ showing date and name of court, names and addresses of defendants, and court returnable. Return of writ showing date and place of return, time attachment made and summons served, name of trustee, amount of fees, and signature of sheriff or deputy.

x. Village fire precinct, establishment of, 1887, showing date, description of bounds, signatures of selectmen, and jurat. For record of establishment, see entry 3-ad.

y. Writs of attachment, 1886-1919, showing date; names of plaintiff, defendant, and county; date and term of court returnable; amounts of and reasons for attachment; jurat; order for defendant to appear in court; and sheriff's return showing date, particulars, expenses incurred, and signature of sheriff or deputy. For excerpts of writs of attachment, 1878--, see entry 26. All documents show date of recording, volume and page reference, and signature of town clerk. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., and hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. Bdls., 4 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 1 1/4; f. d., 11 1/4 x 12 x 24.

37. [Fence Divisions and Agreements] RECORD, scattered dates 1882-1920. 1 vol. 1817-81, 1921--, also 1882-1920 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-ac.

Arbitrary fence divisions made by fence viewers showing date of application, name of applicant, portion to be cared for by each party, metes and bounds, date of division, amount of fees, names of fence viewers, jurat, and attest and signature of town clerk. Voluntary fence agreements showing date, names and signatures of parties concerned, description, and attest and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 264 pp. 13 3/4 x 8 3/4 x 1.

For original fence divisions and agreements, 1890-1904, see entry 36-i.

38. [SOLDIERS' ENROLLMENT BOOK], 1870-84. 1 vol. 1865-69 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-cg.

List of soldiers in the militia showing date; number, name, occupation, age, and marital status of enrollee; names of signers—selectmen—; and attest and signature of town clerk. Also contains:

Oaths taken as to correctness of list, 1880-81, 1884, showing names of State, town, county, and selectmen taking oath; jurat; and attest and signature of town clerk.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

39. CLERK'S RECORD—RECORD OF FIRES, 1891--. 1 vol. Law requiring record passed 1891.

Date of fire, description of building (wood, brick, stone), how occupied, value, names of owner and occupants, damages, and insurance paid; contents: damage, insurance paid, and total or partial loss; cause; and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 32 pp. 9 3/4 x 12 x 1/2.

For related records see entry 87.

40. [CHECK-LISTS], 1886--. 213 check-lists.

Alphabetical list of legal voters showing date, names of voters, and certification by supervisors as to correctness of list and posting. Arr. chron. by date of check-list and thereunder alph. by name of voter. No index. Ptd. 23 x 19, 29 1/2 x 22 1/4.

II. SELECTMEN

Three selectmen were elected at each annual town meeting from 1797 through 1920.[1] In compliance with a law passed in 1921, the town in that year elected one selectman for a 1-year term, one for a 2-year term, and one for a 3-year term respectively. Since that time one selectman has been elected each year for a 3-year term.[2]

When not otherwise stated, all selectmen's records are to be found in their vault, Gordon-Nash Library.

Town Reports

41. OFFICIAL REPORTS—NEW HAMPTON, N. H., 1848--, 121 vols. (64 of which are bound in 4 vols.) and 60 duplicate vols., 1875-76, 1881-84, 1887-- (dated). Title varies slightly.

Annual town reports showing list of town officers; copy of town warrant; list of appropriations; town budget; financial reports of selectmen, tax collector, treasurer, town clerk—including vital statistics—, road agent, village fire precinct, water commissioners, electric light commissioners, old home day association, and treasurer of Memorial Day exercises; report of health officer; auditors' certifications; copy of school warrant; list of school district officers; financial report of school board; and report of superintendent. This description pertains to present day reports, earlier information is much less inclusive. Arr. departmentally. No index. Ptd. 65 pp. 9 x 6 x 1/8; bound vols., 450 pp. 8 1/2 x 5 1/4 x 1 1/8. 121 vols., 1848--, sel. v.; 60 duplicate vols., 1875-76, 1881-84, 1887--, State Library, Concord.

For record of auditors' report, 1800, see entry 3-m; for record of treasurer's reports, 1870-71, see entry 3-cq.

Financial
(See also entries 17, 58-61)

42. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, 1922--. 1 loose-leaf vol. 1792-1852, 1865-1921 in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-i; 1853-64 in Record—Abatements, entry 47-c.

Receipts show date, from whom, source, amount, and total. Payments show date, to whom, voucher number, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 130 pp. 12 1/2 x 23 x 2.

43. [SELECTMEN'S VOUCHERS], 1921--. Approx. 10,000 vouchers in 30 bdls., 1 file board. Prior vouchers missing.

Date and number of voucher, name and address of payee, amount, and purpose. Arr. chron. by date of voucher and thereunder numer. by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Bdls. 8 x 8 1/2 x 1 1/4; file board 14 1/2 x 9 x 1.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), et passim 1798-1920, see entry 3.
2. Ibid., 1921--, passim; New Hampshire Laws of 1921, chs. 9, 17.

44. [Selectmen's Accounts] NEW HAMPTON RECORDS, 1792-1852, 1865-1921. 4 vols., and 1 copied vol. 1796-1852. Title varies: Journal, 1865-96, 1 vol. 1853-64, 1922--, also 1865-1921 in Record—Abatements, entry 47-d.

Minutes of selectmen's meeting showing date, time, and place of meeting; names of selectmen present; business transacted; appropriations made; and signature of clerk of selectmen.

Also contains:

a. Abatement of taxes, 1865-1921, entry 47.
b. Appointments of town officers, 1832-44, entry 34.
c. Auditors' certification of selectmen's accounts, 1831-33, showing date, statement as to correctness of accounts, and signatures of auditors.
d. Dog damages, 1865-1921, showing date, to whom paid, and amount.
e. Highway surveyors' districts, layout of, scattered dates 1832-87, entry 54.
f. Highway surveyors' warrants, 1797-1852, entry 53.
g. Informers or complainants, appointments of, 1834-41, entry 52.
h. Jury drawings, record of, 1865-1921, entry 50.
i. Receipts and payments, entry 42.
j. School district appropriations, 1797-1840, showing date, amount, source, district number, and total.
k. Summaries of town inventories, 1865-1921, showing list of all taxable property, total valuation, number and value of each article, total amount of taxes, amount of money to be raised, and amount committed to tax collector. For record of invoices, 1807-50, 1868--, see entry 46.
m. Superintending school committee, appointment of, 1832-44, showing date, names of committeemen, and signatures of selectmen.
n. Surplus revenue, interest received from, 1843, showing date and amount.
o. Tax collector's settlement with selectmen, 1796-1843, showing date, total amount returned to selectmen, statement as to correctness, and signatures of selectmen.
p. Tax collector's warrants, scattered dates 1796-1884, entry 55.
q. Treasurer's receipts and payments, 1833-45, entry 58.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index, 2 vols., 1792-1852, 1865-97; indexed alph. by subject matter, 2 vols., 1898-1921. Hdw. 1 vol., 1792-1852, 360 pp. 12 3/8 x 8 1/4 x 1 1/8; 1 vol., 1865-97, 526 pp. 13 1/2 x 9 x 1 5/8; 2 vols., 1898-1921, 500 pp. 14 1/8 x 9 1/4 x 2. 4 vols., 1792-1852, 1865-1921, sel. v.; 1 copied vol., 1796-1852, Secretary of State's v., Concord.

Taxation

(See also entries 28, 29, 55-57)

45. [BLOTTER BOOKS], 1880--. 166 vols. (dated).

Rough notes made by selectmen in their capacity as assessors showing the same type of information as in entry 46. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms, 50 pp. 8 x 14 x 1/4.

46. INVOICE—NEW HAMPTON, 1807-50, 1868--. 9 vols., and 1 copied vol. 1807-39 (dated 1909, 1923, 1937, 3 vols., 1909--). Prior records missing.

Selectmen's invoices of taxable property, 1807-50, showing name of taxpayer; number of polls, horses, oxen, cows, and sheep; number of acres of orchard, arable, mowing, and pasture lands; value of real estate, chaises, mills, carding machines, and toll bridges; amount of county, town, school, highway, ministerial, and State tax; list of non-resident taxpayers with valuation of land; money at interest, on hand, or on deposit; stocks in banks; and certification by selectmen as to correctness of valuation. For description, 1868--, see entry 28.

Also contains:

a. Highway surveyors' warrants, scattered dates 1807-30, entry 53.
b. Tax collector's warrants, 1807-22, entry 55.

Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 1/2. 9 vols., 1807-50, 1868--, sel. v.; 1 copied vol., 1807-39, Secretary of State's v., Concord.

For summary of town inventories, 1865-1921, see entry 44-k.

47. RECORD—ABATEMENTS, 1853--. 3 vols. Title varies slightly. 1865-1921 also in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-a.

Selectmen's abatement of taxes showing date, name of taxpayer, amount abated, and signatures of selectmen.

Also contains:

a. Highway surveyors' districts, layout of, scattered dates 1854-64, entry 54.
b. Jury drawings, record of, entry 50.
c. Receipts and payments, 1853-64, entry 42.
d. Selectmen's accounts, 1853--, entry 44.
e. Soldiers' bounties, 1862-65, showing date, names of soldiers, and amounts paid. For money raised for soldiers' bounties, 1862-66, see entry 3-cf.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index, 2 vols., 1853-1900; indexed alph. by subject matter, 1 vol., 1896--. Hdw. 1 vol., 1853-93, 500 pp. 13 x 8 1/2 x 1 1/2; 1 vol., 1865-1900, 150 pp. 7 3/4 x 5 x 1/2; 1 vol., 1896--, 475 pp. 14 1/4 x 9 1/2 x 2.

For town clerk's abatement of taxes, 1806-41, see entry 3-h.

Relief

48. [RELIEF ORDERS], 1940--. 23 loose blanks in 1 f. d. Prior orders missing.

Duplicate orders (pink) issued by selectmen acting as overseers of the poor showing kind of case (regular relief or soldier's aid), order number, date issued, names and addresses of vendor and relief recipient, name of town, case number, purpose, and signatures of selectmen. Original order (white) given to recipient. Arr. chron. by date of issue and thereunder numer. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Blanks 5 x 8 x 1/8; f. d. 14 1/4 x 12 x 24.

49. [RELIEF CARDS], 1939--. 30 cards in 1 f. d. Prior cards missing.

Record of individual relief orders showing name and residence of recipient, date of order, case and order numbers, by whom reimbursed, kind and amount of aid, budget, and numbers in family, single, employable, and receiving work relief. Arr. alph. by name of recipient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Cards 8 x 6 x 1/2; f. d. 11 1/4 x 12 x 24.

Juries

50. [JURY DRAWINGS], scattered dates 1797--. In Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-ar. 1853-- also in Record—Abatements, entry 47-b; 1865-1921 also in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-h.

Date, name, and term of court; and number and names of persons drawn.

Permits
(See also entries 30-32)

51. [PISTOL OR REVOLVER PERMIT STUBS], 1929--. 3 stub books. Prior stubs missing.

Date; permit number; name, address, and description of applicant; date of expiration; and signatures of applicant and selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of issue and thereunder numer. by permit no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 2 stub books, 1929-39, 25 pp. 4 x 10 3/4 x 1/4; 1 stub book, 1940--, 50 pp. 10 3/4 x 6 1/2 x 5/8.

Miscellaneous

52. [APPOINTMENTS OF INFORMERS OR COMPLAINANTS], 1833-41. 1833 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-an; 1834-41 in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-g.

Appointments of informers or complainants "against persons liable to be sent to the house of correction" showing date, names of appointees and selectmen, date of recording, and attest and signature of town clerk.

53. HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S ACCOUNT BOOK, scattered dates 1859-1915. 130 vols. (labeled by district numbers). 1797-1852 in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-f; 1807-30 in Invoice—New Hampton, entry 46-a.

Warrants from selectmen to highway surveyors to collect road taxes showing list of persons taxed, amount, district number, amount allowed for labor, wage per hour, boundaries of district, and amount credited to each taxpayer for labor or money. Arr. by individual accounts. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 50 pp. 5 1/4 x 3 1/2 x 1/8.

54. [LAYOUT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS' DISTRICTS], scattered dates 1832-87, 1899. 1832-87 in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-e; 1854-64 in Record—Abatements, entry 47-a; 1899 in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-aj.

Date, number of district, description of bounds, and signatures of selectmen.

For original highway layouts, 1899, see entry 36-k.

III. ASSESSORS

Assessors, varying in number from three to five, were elected annually in New Hampton from 1797-1819, except for the year 1808.[1] No further mention of the office can be found, except for the year 1833, when four assessors were elected.[2] It can be assumed that the selectmen have acted as assessors in all years in which assessors have not been elected.

All records pertaining to the assessment of taxes are now in the custody of the selectmen.

For town clerk's copy of invoices, 1851--, see entry 28; for selectmen's blotter books, 1880--, see entry 45; for selectmen's record of invoices, 1807-50, 1868--, see entry 46; for summaries of town inventories, 1865-1921, see entry 44-k.

IV. TAX COLLECTOR

The office of tax collector was filled from 1797-1836 by election or vendue.[3] In some of these years, however, the office was combined with constable.[4] From 1837-1904, with some exceptions, the office was filled by appointment.[5] In 1905 a collector was elected[6] and the following year one was appointed.[7] There is no record of the manner in which the collector obtained office in 1907, but from 1908 to date a collector has been elected annually.[8] In addition, in some of the years from 1908-33, collectors were also appointed.[9]

Records are kept at the residence of Leslie B. Smith, tax collector, and the selectmen's vault, Gordon-Nash Library.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), et passim 1798-1819, see entry 3.
2. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 101 (1833).
3. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), et passim 1798-1836.
4. For examples, see ibid., p. 93 (1806), p. 221 (1817), p. 303 (1823).
5. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 179 (1837), et passim 1838-83, see entry 3; Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 1, p. 31 (1884), et passim 1885-1904, see entry 33.
6. T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 391 (1905), see entry 3.
7. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 3, April 28, 1906, see entry 33.
8. T. M. B., 1908--, passim, see entry 3.
9. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, 1908-33, passim, see entry 33.

55. THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLECTOR'S TAX BOOK, 1921, 1923-26, 1928-29, 1931, 1939--. 9 vols. 1796-1884 in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-p; 1807-22 in Invoice—New Hampton, entry 46-b.

Tax collector's warrants showing date; names of town and tax collector, total taxes to be collected; amounts payable to State, county, and town treasurers with dates due; list of assessments for State, county, town, and school taxes; name and address of each taxpayer; description of property; amounts of property and poll tax; total tax; date paid; interest accrued; discount and abatement allowed; amount collected; and auditors' certification. Arr. chron. by date of warrant and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 142 pp. 7 x 4 1/2 x 1/2. Res.

For town clerk's abatement of taxes, 1806-41, see entry 3-h.

56. JOURNAL, 1925--. 1 vol. Prior cash books missing.

Tax collector's cash book showing date, amount received, kind of tax, previous tax, name of taxpayer, and total amount received.

Also contains:

a. Tax sales, receipts from, 1939--, showing year of levy, name of taxpayer, and amount received. For town clerk's record of tax sales, 1797-1909, see entry 3-ck; for town clerk's copy of tax sales, 1930--, see entry 29; for record of tax sales, 1927--, see entry 57.

b. Redemptions, 1939--, showing date, name of redeemer, and amount.

Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 8 1/8 x 1. Res.

57. [TAX SALES], 1927--. 1 loose-leaf vol. 1886-1907 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 36-u.

Year of levy; date of sale; name of taxpayer; description of property; amounts of interest, tax, and costs; total sale price; to whom sold (town buys all property); and date of redemption. Also memoranda of payments to town treasurer showing year of levy, date and amount of payment, and total amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 18 pp. 11 1/2 x 17 3/4 x 1/2. V.

For tax sale record, 1797-1909, see entry 3-ck; for tax sale notices, 1800-1907, see entry 3-cm; for town clerk's copy of tax sales, 1930--, see entry 29; for tax sale receipts, 1939--, see entry 56-a.

V. TREASURER

The earliest extant town minutes show the election of a treasurer in 1797.[1] From that time until 1873 there are only scattered recordings of elections and appointments to that office.[2] From 1873 to date a treasurer has been elected with a fair degree of regularity.[3]

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), see entry 3.
2. Ibid., 1797-1872, passim.
3. Ibid., 1873--, passim.

Records are kept at the residence of Anna I. Shaw, treasurer, and the selectmen's vault, Gordon-Nash Library.

58. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1891-1917, 1922--. 4 vols. (labeled 3, 1 vol., 1891-96). Prior records missing. Title varies slightly. 1833-45 in [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, entry 44-q.
Receipts show date, from whom, source, and amount. Payments show date, check number, to whom, amount, and balance. Deposits show date and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 100 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1/2. 2 vols., 1891-1917, sel. v.; 2 vols., 1922--, res.

59. [CANCELED CHECKS], 1920--. Approx. 5,000 checks in 52 bdls. Prior checks missing.
Date and number of check; order number; names of town, bank, and payee; amount; purpose; and signatures of treasurer and selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 4 x 16 x 1/2. 42 bdls., 1920-39, sel. v.; 10 bdls., 1940--, res.

60. [BANK STATEMENTS], 1938--. 33 statements. Prior papers missing.
Names and addresses of bank and depositor, amount of previous balance, dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals, and present balance. Arr. chron. by date of statement. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 9 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 1/4. 23 statements, 1938-39, sel. v.; 10 statements, 1940--, res.

61. [TOWN NOTES], 1924--. 3 vols. Prior records missing.
Duplicates of notes issued showing date and number of voucher; purpose; amount; names of town and State; date, amount, and number of note; date due; rate of interest; date of authorization; where payable; and signatures of selectmen and treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 40 pp. 8 1/2 x 17 x 1/2. V.

VI. AUDITORS

Three auditors were elected annually from 1797-1803.[1] No further mention of the office can be found until 1809, but from that year through 1815 two or three auditors were elected annually, except for the years 1811 and 1813.[2] Apparently the office was not filled again until 1827, but from that time through 1834, except for the years 1828 and 1831, either three or four auditors were chosen.[3] The office is not mentioned again until 1861, but from that time through 1882, with some exceptions, from one to three auditors were elected or appointed.[4] From

1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), et passim 1798-1803, see entry 3.
2. Ibid., p. 111 (1809), et passim 1810-15.
3. Ibid., 1827-34, passim.
4. Ibid., 1861-82, passim.

1884-89 the office was filled by appointment.[1] In 1890 auditors were appointed and elected, and from 1891 to date, with some exceptions, two auditors have been elected annually.[2] In some years from 1904 through 1935 auditors were also appointed.[3]

These officials keep no records. For auditors' printed reports, 1861--, see entry 41.

VII. CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The New Hampton Cemetery Association elects annually five directors, a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, sexton, assistant sexton, auditor, and an investment committee consisting of four members.

Records are kept at the residence of May E. Perkins, secretary of the association.

62. RECORD NEW HAMPTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION—SECRETARY'S RECORDS--COMMENCING APRIL 11, 1935, 1863--. 2 vols.
Prior records destroyed by fire February 24, 1863.
Title varies slightly.

Warrants for and minutes of meetings. Warrants show date, time, and place of meeting; articles to be acted upon; and signature and attest of secretary of association. Minutes show date, time, and place of meeting; officers elected; committees appointed; articles discussed; votes taken; and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 3/4 x 8 1/4 x 1.

For record of cemetery lot, 1884, see entry 3-q; for revision of cemetery by-laws, 1914, see entry 3-bf.

VIII. MODERATOR

From 1797 through 1891 one moderator was elected annually, and from 1892 to date one has been chosen at each biennial election.[4] A moderator was also appointed for the years 1932[5] and 1933.[6]

The moderator keeps no records.

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1. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 1, p. 26 (1884), et passim 1885-89, see entry 33.
2. T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 714 (1890), et passim 1891--, see entry 3; Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, 1890, see entry 33.
3. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, 1904-35, passim, see entry 33.
4. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 5 (1797), et passim 1798--, see entry 3.
5. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 4, September 13, 1932, see entry 33.
6. Ibid., March 14, 1933.

Supervisors of the Check-List; (Next entry 63, p. 53)
Election Inspectors;
School District

IX. SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK-LIST

Three supervisors of the check-list are elected at the biennial November election.[1]

While these officials prepare the check-lists, the town clerk is the custodian. See entry 40.

X. ELECTION INSPECTORS

In all New Hampshire towns the selectmen appoint biennially four election inspectors, two of whom are designated by the moderator to act as ballot clerks.[2]

These officials keep no records. For records of elections, see entry 3-x, y, z, aa.

XI. SCHOOL DISTRICT

Frank H. Kelley wrote of the early New Hampton schools in the following manner:

> The school-houses in the olden times were made for comfort rather than for elegance. The seats were built on raised or inclined planes looking toward the centre, one side for the boys, and the other for the girls. Each desk accommodated two pupils, and had lids opening on the top to make places for books, slates, and writing materials. The master's desk was in the centre, and was furnished with ferules, both flat and round, and a bundle of tough withes for castigating dull and unruly pupils. There was a chimney at either end of the house, with a huge fire-place fed with half a cord of green wood at a time; and, in the coldest days of winter, the fire was kept roaring that the house might be comfortable. Reading, writing, ciphering, and grammar were the studies. There were spelling-schools in the evening, when all the scholars chose sides for the championship; and, when a word was missed, the unlucky scholar must be seated. In every school a few natural spellers were found, who could stand up all the evening on the hardest words. The old district schools were little democracies, where the people met to make choice of one of their number to hire the teachers, and to raise money to pay the expenses. They discussed all questions pertaining to the schools, and every one had a lively interest in the discipline and advancement of the children.[3]

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1. See Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 24, sec. 1 (1926).
2. Ibid., ch. 26, secs. 25, 31.
3. Kelley, op. cit., pp. 21, 22.

School District - District and Board Minutes (63)

A committee to examine schools, composed of from two to four members, was elected annually in New Hampton from 1810-19, except for the years 1814 and 1817.[1] A superintending school committee of three members was appointed annually from 1832-44;[2] and from 1848-69, with some exceptions, this committee, composed of from one to three members, was appointed annually.[3] From 1870-85 this committee was elected.[4] In addition to one man elected in 1872, one was appointed.[5] In some years from 1866 through 1884 a prudential school committee was appointed.[6]

The educational system in New Hampton, like that in other New Hampshire towns, was reorganized in 1885 by an act of the legislature. Since that time, with some exceptions, each town has constituted an individual school district supervised by a school board of three members.[7]

The New Hampton school district is in Supervisory Union No. 18 with headquarters in Franklin.[8] The qualified voters of the school district elect each year a member of the school board, a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer.

Records are kept at the residences of Mrs. Pauline S. Merrill, district clerk, R. F. D. #1, Bristol; Ralph E. Huckins, chairman of the school board; Mrs. Martina O. Dearborn, district treasurer; and the vault, selectmen's office, Gordon-Nash Library.

District and Board Minutes

63. RECORD [of School District Meetings], 1886--. 2 vols.
1909-14 also in Record—New Hampton, N. H. [Town Meeting Books], entry 3-bx.

Warrants for and minutes of school district meetings. Warrants show date of warrant; date, time, and place of meeting; articles to be voted upon; and names of signers—school board members. Certification of posting warrants show date of warrant, date and place of posting, names of town and county, signatures of school board members, jurat, and attest of school clerk. Minutes show date, time, and place of meeting; votes taken; officers elected; money appropriated; committees appointed or elected; and names of signers—school board members and school district clerk. Also contains:

a. Appointment of school district treasurer, 1902, showing date; names of town, county, State, office, and appointee; and signatures of school board members.
b. Oaths of office showing date; names of town, office, and appointee; jurat; and attest of school clerk.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 117 (1810), et passim 1811-19, see entry 3.
2. [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, vol. 1, p. 173 (1832), et passim 1833-44, see entry 44.
3. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 228 (1848), et passim 1849-69, see entry 3.
4. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 352 (1870), et passim 1871-85.
5. Ibid., p. 461 (1872).
6. Ibid., p. 268 (1866), et passim 1867-83; Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 1, p. 41 (1884), see entry 33.
7. New Hampshire Laws of 1885, ch. 43.
8. New Hampshire State Board of Education Directory *** 1940-1941, p. 3.

c. Report of investigating committee in regard to improving schoolhouses, 1937, showing dates of appointment of committee and report, recommendations submitted, and names of signers—committeemen.

d. Report of school board on schoolhouse repairs, 1892, showing date, amounts received and expended, and names of signers—school board members.

e. Resignation of school board member, 1891, 1903, and school district treasurer, 1902, 1912, showing date; names of town, office, and person resigning; and attest of school clerk.

f. Rules and regulations governing public schools adopted April 3, 1915.

g. School budget, 1937--, showing date, and estimated expenditures and receipts.

h. Schoolhouse, bill of sale of, 1892, showing date, names of towns concerned (Ashland and New Hampton), consideration involved, names of signers—school board members of both towns—, jurat, and attest of school clerk. Memorandum of agreement showing date, names of school board members of towns concerned, and attest of town clerk.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 10 x 8 x 1. 1 vol., 1886-1929, sel. v.; 1 vol., 1930--, res. Mrs. Merrill.

64. RECORD [School Board Meetings], 1886--. 3 vols.
Minutes of school board meetings showing date and place of meeting, votes taken, appointments and salaries of teachers, names of persons awarded contracts for transportation of pupils, election of officers, other matters discussed, and signature of board secretary. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 2 vols., 1886-1936, 200 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 1/4 x 1; 1 vol., 1936--, 152 pp. 10 x 7 x 1/2. 2 vols., 1886-1936, sel. v.; 1 vol., 1936--, res. Mr. Huckins.

School Finance

65. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1921--. 2 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies slightly.
Receipts show date, number, source, from whom, and amount. Payments show date, voucher number, to whom, purpose, amount, and balance. Deposits show date and amount. Also certification by auditors as to correctness. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 125 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 1/8 x 3/4. 1 vol., 1921-38, sel. v.; 1 vol., 1938--, res. Mrs. Dearborn.

66. [GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS AND BILLS], 1932--. Approx. 3,000 papers in 9 bdls., 8 envelopes. Prior papers missing.
Vouchers show date, name of school district, voucher number, to whom payable, purpose, and amount. Bills show date, name of vendor, merchandise or service rendered, quantity, price, amount, and voucher number.
Also contains:
Bank deposit slips, 1933--, showing date, names of bank and depositor, and amount. For bank book, 1920-33, see entry 68.
Vouchers arr. chron. and thereunder numer. by voucher no.; bills arr.

chron. by date of service; deposit slips arr. chron. by date of deposit. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. Bdls. 9 x 12 x 1 1/2; envelopes 4 x 9 x 1. 7 envelopes, 8 bdls., 1932-38, sel. v.; 1 envelope, 1 bdl., 1939--, res. Mrs. Dearborn.

67. [ORDERS ON TREASURER], 1932--. Approx. 2,000 orders in 8 bdls. (dated). Prior orders missing.
School board orders on treasurer showing name and address of payee, amount of check, order number, date, and signatures of school board members. Arr. chron. and thereunder numer. by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 1 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1 1/2. 7 bdls., 1932-38, sel. v.; 1 bdl., 1939--, res. Mrs. Dearborn.

68. [BANK BOOK], 1920-33. 1 book. Prior records missing. Discontinued.
Name and address of bank, names of town and State, dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 25 pp. 6 x 3 1/2 x 1/8. Sel. v.
For bank deposit slips, 1933--, see entry 66.

69. [BANK STATEMENTS], 1933--. 50 loose statements. Prior papers missing.
Name of bank; period covered; previous balance; and amounts of deposits, withdrawals, and present balance. Arr. chron. by date of statement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 9 1/2 x 10 x 1/2. 46 statements, 1933-39, sel. v.; 4 statements, 1940--, res. Mrs. Dearborn.

XII. SUPERVISORY UNION

New Hampton belongs to Supervisory Union No. 18 which also includes Franklin, Hill, and Sanbornton.[1]

Records are divided between the office vault of the selectmen, Gordon-Nash Library, New Hampton; and the office of the superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 18, Franklin.

70. NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL REGISTER, 1900-1904, 1907, 1912-17, 1921--. 195 vols. (84 of which are bound in 14 bdls.). Prior records missing. Title varies slightly.
School teacher's register as kept on forms prescribed by State Board of Education showing explanations for keeping register; names of town, State, and school; grade numbers; school dates; and name of teacher. Registration record showing name of pupil, number of grade, date of enrollment, date and place of birth, age September 1, and name and residence of parent or guardian; roll of perfect attendance; name of pupil and numbers of periods. Record of visitors showing date of visit and name of visitor. Teacher's record showing name, period of teaching for current year, post secondary education, and certification (certificate, license or permit, and dates of issue and expiration). Promotion, loss, and age-grade table. Attendance record showing number of period, beginning and end of periods,

1. New Hampshire State Board of Education Directory *** 1940-1941, p. 3.

names of pupils, date and occasion of no school, and aggregate half-day attendances and absences. Pupil totals for the year showing number of half days present and absent, and number of times tardy and dismissed. Registry summary for the school year showing names of school and teacher, number of grade, and number of pupils registered and age classification; total length of school year in half days; number of half days lost by holidays, institutes, bad weather, other causes, and total; and number of half days school actually in session; aggregate half-day attendances and absences for the year; average daily attendance; percent of attendance; number of tardinesses; number of resident and non-resident pupils regularly transported by district; number of visits of superintendent, school physician, school nurse, school board, parents, citizens, and others; number of pupils not absent or tardy and number of half days with perfect attendance; memoranda; extracts from laws relating to register; institute and compulsory attendance; vaccination; infectious diseases; and dismissal for misconduct and interrupting school. Standard schools; flag penalty; location of State Normal Schools' special summer sessions; and employment bureau. Arr. chron. and thereunder by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Loose vols., 14 pp. 12 x 9 x 1/8; bound vols., 84 pp. 12 x 9 x 3/4. 94 vols., and 14 bound vols., 1900-1904, 1907, 1912-17, 1921-36, sel. v.; 17 vols., 1937--, off. supt., Franklin.

XIII. GORDON-NASH LIBRARY

This library was founded by Judge Stephen Gordon Nash. It was incorporated by the legislature in 1887.[1] It is a self-perpetuating corporation which annually elects an executive committee of three members, a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.[2]

Records are located at the residence of John C. Marsh, clerk of the library corporation, and at the library.

71. RECORDS—GORDON-NASH LIBRARY RECORDS, 1887--. 1 vol., and 1 loose-leaf vol. (dated, 1 vol., 1887-1916).

Charter and organization. Warrants for meetings showing date and place of meeting, articles to be discussed, jurat, and certification by secretary with his signature. Minutes of meetings showing date and place of meeting, articles discussed, report of librarian and treasurer, votes taken, report of executive committee, and signature of secretary. Also list of resident and non-resident corporators, 1899. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 11 1/2 x 9 3/4 x 1. Res.

For acceptance of library by town, 1896, see entry 3-at.

72. ACCESSIONS, 1896--. 4 vols.

Record of books showing number, title, size, and number of pages of book; names of author and publisher; date and place of publication; kind of

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1. New Hampshire Laws of 1887, ch. 193.
2. Information obtained from Ina A. Bickford, Librarian, November 26, 1939, by Samuel T. Bakus.

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binding; library shelf number; and price (or gift). Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder numer. by no. of book. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 250 pp. 10 x 8 1/4 x 1 1/4. Reading room, Gordon-Nash Library.

XIV. OVERSEER OF THE POOR

The first vote (1797) in the town minutes preserved from the fire of 1887 relates, it would seem, to the business of caring for paupers. The vote in question authorized Josiah Magoon and Winthrop Robinson to "goe * * * to See" if a certain named individual "belong to this town." Presumably Robinson and Magoon were to determine if the person mentioned was entitled to support from New Hampton, or should be required to seek assistance from some other town.[1]

In 1813 it was voted that the selectmen should vendue the poor to the lowest bidder from time to time as they should think proper.[2] A similar vote is recorded for 1825. Prices for which successful bidders agreed to assume the responsibility of supporting individual paupers ranged from $25 to $50.[3]

Evidence that the people in New Hampton were concerned not only with the bodily but also with the spiritual welfare of their less fortunate neighbors is furnished by an action of the voters in 1846 whereby they directed the selectmen to buy a pew in the meeting-house for the town poor to occupy.[4]

In the meanwhile (1830) a vote had been taken—contingent on the approval of the Congregational Society—to sell the parsonage, and, with the proceeds therefrom added to the ministerial fund, to buy a farm which should be used as a home for the poor. A committee of five men were chosen to obtain the required permission.[5] The following year it was voted that the committee formerly chosen should continue to transact all necessary business connected with the purchase.[6]

By 1833 the purchase had been made. The property was used as a combined poor farm and house of correction. The selectmen and overseer of the poor were to have the general oversight of the institution, and they were to appoint a superintendent who was to manage its prudential affairs. The superintendent was to have his residence at the farm. He was to keep a book of records, and enter therein the date of arrival and discharge of each inmate and an inventory of the property brought by them on their arrival.[7] In 1866 it was voted to sell the town farm at auction and to use the proceeds toward the liquidation of the town's debt.[8]

By a vote of 86 to 18, the town rejected a motion in 1867 to abolish pauper settlements and throw on to the county the entire burden of pauper support.[9]

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), see entry 3.
2. Ibid., p. 160 (1813).
3. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 6 (1825).
4. Ibid., p. 251 (1846).
5. Ibid., p. 66 (1830).
6. Ibid., p. 73 (1831).
7. Ibid., p. 78 (1833).
8. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 230 (1866).
9. Ibid., p. 275 (1867).

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The subject of buying a new town farm came to the fore in 1868, when the voters instructed the selectmen to study the best course for the town to pursue relative to that matter.[1] Evidently the selectmen decided against purchasing a new farm, as subsequent town minutes show no vote for such a purchase, and subsequent Town Reports fail to list town farm expenditures, although they do show regularly the amounts paid for the support of paupers.

At the present time the selectmen handle all phases of relief. The last appointment of an overseer of the poor occurred in 1938.[2]

For records of relief, see entries 48, 49.

XV. HEALTH OFFICER

The health officer first appeared in New Hampton in 1893.[3] At the present time the selectmen recommend the health officer who is appointed by the State Board of Health for a 3-year term, or until his successor is appointed. The health officer and the selectmen constitute the board of health, and the health officer is the secretary and executive of the board.[4]

He keeps no records. For printed reports of the health officer, see entry 41.

XVI. ROAD AGENT

The earliest extant town minutes include a highway vote calling for $500.[5] A highway vote of 1814 raised:

> Two Days on a Single Poll and all other ratable estate in that proportion to Lay out on the Highways the present year in the following manner at Eight Cent per hour for a man and Eight Cent per hour for a pair of oxen if Done in the Month of June next if not to be Done at Six Cents per hour.[6]

From 1797-1892, with some exceptions, highway surveyors were either elected or appointed in New Hampton.[7] In 1893 three road agents were appointed and from 1894-98 one was elected each year.[8] In addition, in 1894 one road agent was appointed.[9] From 1899-1902 the office of highway

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1. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 295 (1868), see entry 3.
2. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, February 2, 1938, see entry 33.
3. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 13 (1893).
4. Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 126 (1926).
5. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), see entry 3.
6. Ibid., p. 173 (1814).
7. Ibid., p. 3 (1797), et passim 1798-1882; Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 1, p. 2 (1883), et passim 1885-92, see entry 33.
8. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 2, pp. 7-10 (1893), see entry 33; T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 97 (1894), et passim 1895-98, see entry 3.
9. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 2, p. 16 (1894), see entry 33.

surveyor was filled by appointment.[1] In 1903 eighteen surveyors were elected and two appointed.[2] From 1907-12 one road agent was elected annually.[3] In 1912 fifteen highway surveyors were also appointed.[4] The office of highway surveyor continued to be filled by appointment from 1913-21, except for the years 1918, when one was elected, and 1919, when three were elected in addition to six appointed.[5] From 1922-29 one officer was elected each year either as highway agent or road agent,[6] but from 1930 to date one road agent has been elected annually.[7]

Records are kept at the residence of Millard I. Blake, road agent; and in the selectmen's vault, Gordon-Nash Library.

Work Record

73. WEEKLY BOOK, 1937--. 4 vols. (dated). Prior records missing. Title varies: Workmen's Time Book, 1937-38, 2 vols.

Date, names of workers, number of hours worked each day, total time, rate per day, and total amount due each worker. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 100 pp. 7 x 4 1/8 x 1/4. 3 vols., 1937-39, sel. v.; 1 vol., 1940--, res.

Finance

74. TREASURER'S [Road Agent's] CASH BOOK, 1937--. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Receipts show date, from whom, source, and amount. Payments show date, to whom, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 200 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 3/4 x 1/2. Sel. v.

75. [BANK STATEMENTS], 1937--. 30 statements. Prior papers missing.

Names and addresses of bank and depositor, amount of previous balance, dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of statement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 9 1/2 x 9 x 1/8. 22 statements, 1937-39, sel. v.; 8 statements, 1940--, res.

76. [CHECK STUBS], 1937--. 20 check books. Prior records missing.

Date, number and amount of check, name of payee, amount of deposit, and previous and present balance. Arr. chron. by date of issue and thereunder numer. by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 14 check books, 1937-38, 45 pp. 3 x 7 x 1/4; 6 check books, 1939--, 150 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 1/4.

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1. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 2, pp. 60-77 (1899), et passim 1900-1902, see entry 33.
2. Ibid., pp. 171, 172 (1903); T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 340 (1903), see entry 3.
3. T. M. B., 1907-12, passim, see entry 3.
4. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, April 27, 1912, see entry 33.
5. Ibid., 1913-21, passim; T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 628 (1918), p. 625 (1919), see entry 3.
6. T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 711 (1922), et passim 1923-29, see entry 3.
7. Ibid., p. 820 (1930), et passim 1931--.

Tree Warden; Police and Constables; Informers and Complainants (77)

19 check books, 1937-39, sel. v.; 1 check book, 1940--, res.

77. [CANCELED CHECKS], 1937--. Approx. 1,500 checks in 10 bdls. Prior checks missing.
Date; number; names of town, State, and payee; name and address of bank; signature of road agent; and dates paid and canceled by bank. Arr. chron. by date of issue and thereunder numer. by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 2 3/4 x 6 1/8 x 1/2. 9 bdls., 1937-39, sel. v.; 1 bdl., 1940--, res.

XVII. TREE WARDEN

A tree warden was appointed in New Hampton in 1914.[1] He kept no records, and there is no other mention of the office.

XVIII. POLICE AND CONSTABLES

From 1797-1805 the office of constable was filled annually either by election or vendue.[2] From 1806-59 except for the year 1850 when a constable was elected and one appointed, and except for the year 1856 when a constable was appointed, the office was filled by election.[3] In some years these officials were elected as collectors and constables rather than merely as constables.[4] At various times from 1861-80 either one or two constables were appointed. The year 1880 appears to be the last time a constable held office in New Hampton.[5]

From 1861-75 police officers, varying in number from two to ten, were appointed annually, except for the year 1871, when no appointment was made.[6] For the next four years the office was apparently vacant, but in 1880 three police officers were appointed.[7] At various times from 1887-1935 police officers were appointed,[8] and from 1935 to date one police officer has been elected annually.[9]

No separate records have been found. For police regulations, 1872, see entry 3-bo.

XIX. INFORMERS AND COMPLAINANTS

From 1833 through 1841 five informers and complainants were appointed annually by the selectmen.[10] It was the duty of these officers "to complain

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1. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 4, May 25, 1914, see entry 33.
2. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), p. 88 (1805), et passim 1798-1804, see entry 3.
3. Ibid., p. 93 (1806), et passim 1807-59.
4. For example see ibid., p. 93 (1806), p. 174 (1814).
5. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 57 (1861), et passim 1863-80.
6. Ibid., p. 70 (1861), et passim 1862-75.
7. Ibid., vol. 5, p. 375 (1880).
8. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 1, p. 103 (1887), et passim 1891-1935, see entry 33.
9. T. M. B., 1935--, passim, see entry 3.
10. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 82 (1833); [Selectmen's Accounts] New Hampton Records, vol. 1, p. 173 (1834), et passim 1835-41, see entry 44.

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of all Persons who may be guilty of any misdemeanor or offence or disorder * * *" that would be punishable by incarceration in the house of correction.[1]

No separate records were found. For appointments of informers and complainants, 1833-41, see entries 3-an, 44-g, 52.

XX. DOG POLICE

At various times from 1892-1936 dog police were appointed.[2] They kept no records.

XXI. TOWN PROSECUTOR

A town prosecutor was elected in New Hampton in 1854,[3] but the following year the selectmen were specifically made town prosecutors.[4] No other mention of the prosecutor can be found, except for the year 1869 when one was elected and one appointed,[5] and the year 1903 when one was appointed.[6]

No records were kept.

XXII. TOWN AGENT

A town agent was first elected in New Hampton in 1807. From that time through 1898 town agents, varying in number from one to nineteen were either elected or appointed as need required.[7]

These officials kept no records.

XXIII. LIQUOR AGENT

The selectmen were specifically instructed in 1844 to prosecute all unlicensed sellers of liquor.[8] Four years later the town voted in favor of an enactment by the general court prohibiting the sale of liquor except for mechanical or medicinal purposes.[9] In 1853 the town went on record as supporting a bill then before the legislature for the suppression of drinking places.[10]

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1. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 78 (1833), see entry 3.
2. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 1, p. 308 (1892), et passim 1893-1936, see entry 33.
3. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 354 (1854), see entry 3.
4. Ibid., p. 370 (1855).
5. Ibid., vol. 4, pp. 320, 329 (1869).
6. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, vol. 2, p. 174 (1903), see entry 33.
7. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 97 (1807), et passim 1808-98, see entry 3.
8. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 219 (1844).
9. Ibid., p. 255 (1848).
10. Ibid., p. 324 (1853).

New Hampton Village Fire Precinct - Warrants and Minutes (78)

Liquor agents were appointed in New Hampton at various times from 1855-75.[1] No further mention of the office is found until 1885 when one agent was appointed.[2] This is the last mention of a liquor agent in New Hampton.

No records of the liquor agent were found. For liquor and tavern licenses, see entry 3-av, aw.

XXIV. NEW-HAMPTON VILLAGE FIRE PRECINCT

New Hampton established a village precinct in 1887, but it was not until March 30, 1911, that the State legislature passed a law stating the fire precinct established in 1887 under the general law, should be known as the New Hampton Village Fire Precinct and confirming all votes passed and all acts done in behalf of the precinct.[3] In the meanwhile, however, the legislature had granted authority to the New Hampton Village Fire Precinct to establish waterworks for the use of the public and for fire fighting purposes. The precinct was further authorized to establish a board of water commissioners to have charge of the waterworks.[4]

In 1925 the New Hampton Village Fire Precinct was authorized to supply the inhabitants with electric current.[5]

At the first meeting of the precinct (1887) there were elected a moderator, a clerk, a chief fire warden, and two assistant fire wardens.[6] At the present time, the precinct, at its annual election, chooses a moderator, a clerk, a treasurer, and three firewards for a 1-year term, and an electric light commissioner for a 3-year term. Every five years the precinct elects three water commissioners.

The firemen have an association of their own within the precinct. They hold annual meetings wherein they elect their own officers—exclusive of the firewards which are regular precinct officials. The officers elected by the firemen consist of a chief, an assistant chief, a captain, and a clerk-treasurer.

The regular precinct records are located in the homes of Mrs. Martina O. Dearborn and Vernon C. Harvey, respectively clerk and treasurer of the precinct, and in the selectmen's vault, Gordon-Nash Library. Records of the fire association are kept in the home of Frank Seaver, clerk-treasurer.

Warrants and Minutes

78. NEW HAMPTON VILLAGE FIRE PRECINCT RECORDS, September 18, 1887--. 2 vols.

Establishment of precinct, 1887, showing information as in entry 3-ad. Warrants for meetings showing date, time, and place of meeting; articles

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1. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 370 (1855), et passim 1856-75, see entry 3.
2. Ibid., vol. 5, p. 584 (1885).
3. New Hampshire Laws of 1911, ch. 313.
4. New Hampshire Laws of 1909, ch. 293.
5. New Hampshire Laws of 1925, ch. 322.
6. New Hampton Village Fire Precinct Records, vol. 1, pp. 3-7, see entry 78.

to be voted upon; date of warrant; and names of signers—firewards. Certification of posting warrants showing date, time, and place of posting; names of firewards; and jurat. Minutes of meetings showing date, time and place of meeting; votes taken; officers elected; appropriations made; appointments and reports of committees; and copies of contracts with public service corporations. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 1 vol., 1887-1909, 193 pp. 10 x 7 5/8 x 5/8; 1 vol., 1910--, 240 pp. 8 1/4 x 6 7/8 x 1. Res. Mrs. Dearborn.

General Precinct Business

79. JOURNAL [Receipts, Payments, Assets, Liabilities], 1929--. 5 vols. Title varies: Ledger, 1936--, 1 vol.
Record of general precinct business. Receipts show date, source, from whom, amount, and total. Payments show date; to whom; amount; and purpose, such as number of kilowatt hours bought, distribution and maintenance, general office expenses, amounts for construction, miscellaneous, distribution and utility equipment, depreciation, investments, street lights, and residential sales. Also record of assets and liabilities. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder by subject matter. No index, 4 vols., 1929--; indexed by subject matter, 1 vol., 1936--. Hdw. 4 vols., 1936--, 150 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 1/4 x 3/4; 1 vol., 1929--, 100 pp. 12 x 7 5/8 x 1/2. Res. Mr. Harvey.

80. JOURNAL [Treasurer's Account with Precinct], 1913--. 1 vol.
Receipts show date, from whom, source, amount, and total. Payments show date, to whom, amount, purpose, and total. Certification by auditors as to correctness of accounts showing date, place, and signatures of auditors. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 1/4 x 1/2. Res. Mr. Harvey.

Water Records

81. [Water] LEDGER, 1909-22, 1936--. 3 vols. Prior records missing. 1923-29, also 1912-22 in Cash & Ledger, entry 83-b.
General ledger of water department. Reservoir and land damage: date and amount; water supply equipment: date, description, and amount; water storage equipment and supply: date, description, and amount; mains and hydrants: date, number, and valuation; receivable accounts: date, source, and amount; cash on hand: date, amount, and total; investments: date, name, and amount; reserve for depreciation: date and amount; interest: date, source, and amount; water rents: date and amount; general expenses: date and amount; profit and loss table: date, expense, and amount; precinct expenses: date and amount; valuation of bonds and coupons; record of sinking fund: date, amount, balance, and receipt for same; and individual closed accounts: date and name. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of renter, 1 vol., 1909-12; indexed alph. by subject matter, 2 vols., 1912-22, 1936--. Hdw. 2 vols., 1909-22, 144 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 3/4 x 5/8; 1 vol., 1936--, 135 pp. 10 3/8 x 8 1/4 x 3/8. 1 vol., 1909-12, sel. v.; 2 vols., 1912-22, 1936--, res. Mr. Harvey.

82. JOURNAL [Water Accounts], 1937--. 1 vol.
Daily record of water accounts showing date, investments, cash on hand, amount of reserve for depreciation, interest on investments, accounts receivable, storage and supply equipment, value of mains and hydrants. Profit and loss tables showing ledger page, amount, and date of entry. Balance sheet showing assets and liabilities with dates and amounts. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 1/4 x 5/8. Res. Mr. Harvey.

83. CASH & LEDGER, 1912-29. 1 vol.
Contains:
a. Receipts and payments of water department, entry 84.
b. General ledger of water department, entry 81.
Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 310 pp. 13 x 8 x 1 1/8. Res. Mr. Harvey.

84. CASH [Receipts, Payments, Water Bonds, Sinking Fund], 1912--. 5 vols. Title varies: Journal, 1 vol., 1912-24. 1912-29 also in Cash & Ledger, entry 83-a.
Receipts and payments of water department. Receipts show date, from whom, source, and amount. Payments show date, to whom, purpose, amount, and total. Also record of water bonds and sinking fund: receipts show date, source, from whom, and amount; and payments show date, to whom, purpose, amount, and total. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 2 vols., 1912--, 192 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 5/8; 1 vol., 1936--, 152 pp. 14 x 11 x 3/4; 2 vols., 1936--, 152 pp. 10 x 12 x 1/2. 1 vol., 1912-24, sel. v.; 4 vols., 1912--, res. Mr. Harvey.

Light and Power Records

85. LEDGER [General Accounts], 1936--. 2 vols.
General record of light and power accounts. Itemized accounts receivable, cash on hand, structures, transmission and utilization equipment, reserve for depreciation, surplus account, outside activities, joint facility rent, power and street lighting sales, income, purchased energy, distribution maintenance, utilization expense, customers' accounting and collecting expense, general office salaries and expenses, depreciation, and miscellaneous—all showing date and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry and thereunder by account. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. 10 3/8 x 8 1/4 x 5/8. Res. Mr. Harvey.

86. JOURNAL [Daily Accounts], 1926--. 4 vols. Title varies: Day-Book, 1926-29, 1 vol.
Daily record of light and power accounts. Receipts show date, name of buyer of power, number of kilowatt hours used, total charged, discount, and total amount received; also receipts from other sources. Payments show date, to whom, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 1 vol., 1926-29, 32 pp. 13 1/2 x 7 3/4 x 1/4; 3 vols., 1929--, 152 pp. 10 x 12 x 5/8. Res. Mr. Harvey.

Fire Records

87. RECORDS [of Fire Association], April 11, 1911--. 1 vol. Minutes of meetings showing date and place of meeting, members present, articles discussed, votes taken, officers elected, appropriations made, roll call, appointments and reports of committees, enrollment of new and resignation of old members, amount of dues paid, and signature of clerk. Also contains:

Record of fires, 1914-16, 1923, 1935, 1939, showing date, description, time, and location of fire; names of firemen attending; apparatus used; amount of damage; and name of occupant. For town clerk's record of fires, 1891--, see entry 39.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 234 pp. 8 1/4 x 7 x 3/4. Res. Mr. Seaver.

88. [CASH BOOK], 1933--. 1 vol. Prior records missing. Treasurer's day book of receipts and payments. Receipts show date, amount received from fines, and name of payee; payments show date, purpose (flowers, insurance, donations), to whom, amount, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 8 pp. 6 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1/16. Res. Mr. Seaver.

XXV. FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The forest fire warden is appointed by the State Forester, on the recommendation of the selectmen, for a term of one year or until his successor is appointed.[1] The New Hampton forest fire warden does not keep records.

XXVI. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A sealer of weights and measures was elected in New Hampton in 1798,[2] but for the next seven years the office was not mentioned. From 1806 through 1810, however, a sealer was chosen annually. In 1809 he was elected as a sealer of weights and measures and surveyor of lumber.[3] Apparently no sealer held office for the next six years, but from 1817 through 1820 a sealer was chosen at each annual meeting.[4] For the next two years the officer was elected annually as a sealer of weights and measures and surveyor of lumber.[5] The office was not filled in 1823, but from 1824 through 1860, except for a few years, a sealer was chosen

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1. Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 191, secs. 13, 14 (1926).
2. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 16 (1798), see entry 3.
3. Ibid., 1806-10, passim.
4. Ibid., p. 223 (1817), et passim 1818-20.
5. Ibid., p. 277 (1821), p. 291 (1822).

annually.[1] During the years 1862-66, the sealer received office by appointment.[2] No further mention of the office can be found in the Town Minute Books.

No records were kept.

XXVII. LUMBER OFFICERS

From 1797 through 1860, with some exceptions, surveyors of lumber, varying in number from one to four, were elected annually.[3] In 1863[4] and again in 1867[5] a surveyor of lumber was appointed. In the years 1809,[6] 1821,[7] 1822,[8] and 1828[9] a sealer of weights and measures and surveyor of lumber was elected.

A corder of wood was first elected in 1834,[10] but apparently for the next three years the office was not filled. However, from 1838-59, except for the years 1854 and 1856, from one to seven corders of wood were elected annually.[11]

In 1797[12] a culler of staves and in 1860[13] a surveyor of wood were elected. In the years 1863[14] and 1867[15] a measurer of wood was appointed. No further mention of these offices can be found.

At different times from 1883 to date, surveyors of wood and lumber have been appointed. There is one such official serving at the present time. He was appointed in 1940 for an indefinite term.[16]

He keeps no records; no records of defunct lumber offices have been found. For certificate of surveyed lumber, see entry 3-ay.

XXVIII. POUND-KEEPER

The earliest extant town minutes show that the voters directed the selectmen (1797) to appoint a pound-keeper.[17] In 1809 it was "Voted that the Selectmen erect a pound where it is in their opinion a Suitable place to convean the town."[18] The selectmen were instructed in 1824 to repair

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 314 (1824), et passim 1825-60, see entry 3.
2. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 107 (1862), et passim 1863-66.
3. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 5 (1797), et passim 1798-1860.
4. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 140 (1863).
5. Ibid., p. 286 (1867).
6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 111 (1809).
7. Ibid., p. 277 (1821).
8. Ibid., p. 291 (1822).
9. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 40 (1828).
10. Ibid., p. 111 (1834).
11. Ibid., p. 229 (1838), et passim 1839-59.
12. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 5 (1797).
13. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 38 (1860).
14. Ibid., p. 140 (1863).
15. Ibid., p. 286 (1867).
16. Appointment Book—Town of New Hampton, 1883--, passim, see entry 33.
17. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), see entry 3.
18. Ibid., p. 111 (1809).

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the pound and secure a new lock for it.[1] New Hampton voted four years later to build a stone pound on the town common. The building of this pound, for which the specifications were prescribed in detail, was auctioned off to Abraham Ward for $59.50.[2] In 1880 the town rejected a motion to dispense with the pound.[3]

The exact date at which the New Hampton pound went out of use has not been determined. In 1937 an article to repair the pound was laid aside.[4]

As already mentioned the selectmen were instructed to appoint a pound-keeper in the year 1797.[5] The following year one was elected.[6] For the next three years there is no record of the office being filled, but in 1802 a pound-keeper was elected.[7] Another 3-year gap occurred in the office, but from 1806 through 1866 a pound-keeper was elected or appointed annually, except for the years 1856 and 1861.[8] No further mention of the office can be found until 1937, when the voters elected a pound-keeper.[9]

No records kept by the pound-keeper have been discovered.

XXIX. HOGREEVES, HAYWARDS, FIELD DRIVERS, AND HOG CONSTABLES

The control of stray domestic animals proved a vexing problem in New Hampshire towns from their settlement until well into the nineteenth century. The problem of strays often received attention at town meetings. This fact is interestingly illustrated by a set of by-laws adopted by the New Hampton voters at their annual meeting for 1835.

No horse, "horse kind", neat cattle or sheep were to run at large in any highway between the first day of April and the last day of October. For every horse and every "neet Beast" found running at large during the forbidden period, the owner, or person responsible for its care, was to forfeit one dollar. The forfeit for sheep running at large was considerably less—twelve and a half cents per head. Penalties were recoverable in an action of debt before any justice of peace in the county by any person who should sue for the same. But a loophole was seemingly provided by the words "unless it shall be made to appear that such [animal] was going at Large without the knowlege of the owner or the Person having the Care of the Same."[10]

In 1853 a somewhat more detailed set of regulations was adopted. Animals specifically mentioned in the 1853 regulations were horses, asses, mules, neat cattle, sheep, and swine. Any person finding strays in any

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 314 (1824), see entry 3.
2. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 43 (1828).
3. Ibid., vol. 5, p. 380 (1880).
4. Ibid., vol. 6, p. 929 (1937).
5. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797).
6. Ibid., p. 16 (1798).
7. Ibid., p. 55 (1802).
8. Ibid., p. 93 (1806), et passim 1807-66.
9. Ibid., vol. 6, p. 930 (1937).
10. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 119 (1835).

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street, highway, or common could drive them to an enclosure and keep them there awaiting a claimant. If none appeared within three days, the finder was to advertise the animals by posting notices in two public places showing when the strays were brought to the enclosure, and giving their description. If the animals were not claimed within 12 days, and all fines and costs paid, they were to be sold at public auction. All costs, fines, and fees were to be paid to the finder from the proceeds of the sale. The balance was to be paid to the town.[1]

Any person in the town was thus eligible to pick up strays and to receive compensation. But the town also, at times, elected officers whose bounden duty it was to gather strays.

At intervals from 1797-1816 hogreeves were elected in New Hampton.[2] In some of these years they were elected as hogreeves and haywards;[3] fence viewers and hogreeves;[4] fence viewers, hogreeves, and haywards;[5] and fence viewers, hogreeves, and field drivers.[6]

A hog constable was elected in 1838,[7] but the office is not mentioned for the next 6 years. From 1845 through 1855, except for 1854, hog constables, varying in number from one to eleven, were elected.[8]

These officials kept no records. For record of stray notices, see entry 3-cj.

XXX. FENCE VIEWERS

From 1797-1874, with some exceptions, fence viewers, varying in number from one to nine, held office either by election or appointment.[9] In some of these years they held office as fence viewers and hogreeves;[10] fence viewers, hogreeves, and haywards;[11] fence viewers, hogreeves, and field drivers;[12] or fence viewers and field drivers.[13] No other mention of the office can be found until 1882 when three fence viewers were appointed.[14] This is the last mention of the office.

No separate records were found. For records of fence divisions and agreements, see entries 3-ac, 37; for original fence divisions and agreements, see entry 36-i.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 2, pp. 335, 336 (1853), see entry 3.
2. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 4 (1797), et passim 1798-1816.
3. See ibid., p. 4 (1797), pp. 15, 19 (1798).
4. See ibid., p. 26 (1799), p. 54 (1802), et passim 1809-11.
5. See ibid., p. 36 (1800), p. 88 (1805).
6. See ibid., p. 102 (1808), p. 210 (1816).
7. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 229 (1838).
8. Ibid., p. 247 (1845), et passim 1846-55.
9. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 4 (1797), et passim 1798-1874.
10. For example see ibid., p. 26 (1799), p. 54 (1802), p. 111 (1809).
11. For example see ibid., p. 36 (1800), p. 88 (1805).
12. For example see ibid., p. 102 (1808), p. 210 (1816).
13. For example see ibid., p. 222 (1817).
14. Ibid., vol. 5, p. 441 (1882).

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XXXI. FISH WARDENS

From 1797 through 1801 fish wardens, varying in number from two to three, were elected annually in New Hampton.[1] At various times from 1804 through 1819 from one to three fish wardens were chosen.[2] There is no further mention of the office until 1879, when one was appointed. Another warden was appointed in 1882 and one was elected in 1883.[3] From 1885 through 1899 one fish warden was elected annually, except for the year 1886.[4] No further mention of the office can be found.

No records were kept.

XXXII. TYTHINGMEN

From 1797 through 1855 tythingmen, varying in number from one to four, were elected annually, except for the years 1812, 1851, 1852, and 1854.[5]

They kept no records.

XXXIII. TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

At the 1940 town meeting the moderator appointed Amy J. Dolloff, Ruth F. Libby, and Stella H. Pollard to act as a committee to work with Clarence C. Swain and John Curtis Gowan in obtaining data for a town history.[6]

The 1940 Town Report carries the following announcement which is reproduced here in the hope that persons missing the original notice, but seeing this reproduction, will communicate with Mr. Gowan about any historical data they have.

> Material for a future history of the Town of New Hampton is being currently gathered by Clarence Gordon Swain and John Curtis Gowan. As this history will include sketches and information about all people who have ever resided in the town, it is hoped that all present citizens will cooperate to the extent of sending in material and information concerning themselves and their families.
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> If possible, such information should include: place and date of birth of the individual concerned, place and date of his father and mother, and their fathers, the name, and place and date of birth of his spouse, and of her father and mother, the date of the marriage, and dates of birth of children, and

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 3 (1797), et passim 1798-1801, see entry 3.
2. Ibid., 1804-19, passim.
3. Ibid., 1879-83, passim.
4. Ibid., 1885-99, passim.
5. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 4 (1797), vol. 2, p. 369 (1855), et passim 1798-1854.
6. Ibid., vol. 7, p. 17 (1940).

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notes about their marriages if any. Any other supplementary material will be welcomed, especially genealogical or family records, extending through several generations. Older citizens of the town who possess valuable information on its early history, or who have anecdotes about early settlers will be interviewed in their homes if they so desire.

Please send such information as you have or an invitation to call and see you to John Curtis Gowan, New Hampton, N. H.[1]

In connection with the above, Mr. Gowan wishes it to be known that there is a considerable amount of genealogical material relating both to townspeople and students which can be consulted by inquiry at the Gordon-Nash Library.

1. Official Reports—New Hampton N. H., p. 47 (1940), see entry 41.

APPENDIX

Social Fraternity

1. [RECORDS OF THE SOCIAL FRATERNITY], 1833-67, 1875-95. 10 vols.
Secretary's record of fraternity showing date, time, and place of meeting; list of members; business transacted; officers elected; committees appointed; and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 3/4 x 9 x 1 1/2; 100 pp. 8 x 6 3/4 x 1/2. V., Gordon-Nash Library.
For record of organization of the Social Fraternity, see entry 3-ce.

2. SOCIAL FRATERNITY—LIST OF TOWNS, 1831-1913. 1 vol.
Date, and list of towns with names of members. Arr. by names of towns. No index. Hdw. 336 pp. (192 used). 10 1/2 x 8 x 1 1/4. Off. headmaster, New Hampton School.

3. RECORDS, February 1891- March 1896. 1 vol.
Librarian's record of books loaned showing date loaned, to whom, volume number, and signature of librarian. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 322 pp. (159 used). 10 x 8 x 1. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

4. ACCESSIONS, undated. 1 vol.
Record of books showing entry number, title, number of pages, size, and number of volume; name of publisher; date and place of publication; kind of binding; source (cost or gift); and shelf number. Arr. numer. by entry no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 300 pp. 10 x 8 1/2 x 1 1/2. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

5. TREASURER'S BOOK, September 1881 -April 1899. 1 vol.
Receipts show date, source, amount, total, and balance. Payments show date, to whom, amount, and total. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 1/8 x 6 3/4 x 1/2. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

Literary Adelphi Society

6. [RECORDS OF LITERARY ADELPHI SOCIETY], 1827-1915. 44 vols. (1-44). Organized October 10, 1827. Incorporated 1829.
Constitution and by-laws of society. Minutes of meetings showing date, time, and place of meeting; business transacted; officers elected; committees appointed; list of honorary members; and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. Aver. 150 pp. 9 x 7 x 3/4. 43 vols., 1827-1915, v., Gordon-Nash Library; 1 vol., 1842, 1845, off. Mr. Smith, New Hampton School.

7. RECORDS, Feb. 1835-37, 1839-49, 1854-58, 1861-68, 1870-72, 1874-96. 13 vols. Title varies: Library, 1835-36, 1 vol.
Librarian's record of books loaned showing date, name and number of book, to whom loaned, and date returned. Also list of books belonging to library, 1835, 1837, 1848, showing name and volume number of book, and

signature of librarian. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 8 1/4 x 6 7/8 x 3/8; 320 pp. 10 x 7 3/4 x 1. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

8. RECEIPTS [of Bills], September 1855-January 1875. 1 vol. (55-75).
Receipted bills show date, name of vendor, purpose of payment, amount, signature of vendor, and date bill approved and signed by prudential committeemen. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 216 pp. (56 used). 13 x 3 x 3/4. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

9. JOURNAL, 1827-February 1917. 1 vol.
Secretary's record of active and honorary members showing date of entrance, and name and address of member. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 290 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 1/4 x 1. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

10. ACCESSIONS, undated. 1 vol.
Record of books showing information as in App. entry 4. Arr. numer. by entry no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 150 pp. 10 x 8 1/2 x 3/4. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

11. [TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS], March 1828-50, 1874-January 1891. 4 vols.
Receipts show date, from whom, purpose, amount, total, and balance. Payments show date, to whom, purpose, amount, and total. Certification by auditors as to correctness of accounts showing date, and signatures of auditors. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp., 150 pp. 8 1/4 x 6 3/4 x 1/2. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

Germanae Dilectae Scientiae

12. GERMANAE RECORDS, May 28, 1853-October 8, 1856. 1 vol. (No. 1). Organized May 28, 1853. Subsequent records not kept.
Date and purpose of organization. Minutes of meetings showing date, time, and place of meeting; officers elected; business transacted; and programs given. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 6 3/4 x 1/2. Gordon-Nash Library.

13. ACCESSIONS, undated. 1 vol.
Record of books of the Germanae Dilectae Scientiae showing information as in App. entry 4. Arr. numer. by entry no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 150 pp. 10 x 8 1/2 x 3/4. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

Miscellaneous

14. [NEW HAMPTON YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION], April 17, 1861-February 10, 1869. 2 vols. Organized April 17, 1861. Isolated record. Inactive.
President's book, 1861, showing constitution, by-laws, and names and addresses of active and honorary members. Minutes of meetings showing

date, time, and place of meeting; articles acted upon; officers elected; and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 1 vol., 1861, 150 pp. 8 x 6 1/2 x 1/2; 1 vol., 1861-79, 150 pp. 7 3/4 x 6 1/2 x 1/2. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

15. TOWN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, February 12, 1900-1911. 1 vol. Organized 1900. Discontinued.
Constitution; list of members; and minutes of meetings showing date and place of meeting, business transacted, committees appointed, officers elected, and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 153 pp. (57 used). 8 1/2 x 7 x 5/8. V., Gordon-Nash Library.

16. ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF NEW HAMPTON LIT. & BIB. INST., 1821-1921. MS.
Unpublished history of the New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution (New Hampton School for Boys). Table of contents: Historical Statement; Finances; Real Estate; Endowment; Building Funds and Buildings; Courses of Study; Societies; Religious Work; The Hamptonia; Library; Celebration; Officers of the Institution; Board of Instruction; Student Body; Alumni Associations; and Conclusion. Also a calendar of the old school 1821-52, and of the new school 1853-1921. Compiled by Professor Frank W. Preston, president of the institution. Mostly typed. 100 sheets. Off. safe, headmaster, New Hampton School for Boys.

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